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Suspect shot dead as raids uncover arms and explosives

David Sharrock, Owen Bowcott, Chris Elliott nd Martin Wainwright

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RA plans to demon strate its still-murder-ous capacity with a series of spectacular attacks were set back yesterday after police and the intelligence

services dealt the heaviest blow for years to the terrorist

organisation. The scale of the police oper-ation — which left one terror-ist suspect dead and five others under arrest with the seizure of the largest explo-sives and arms cache in mainland Britain - indicates the RA was gearing up for an-other phase in its war to remove Britain from Ireland. Ten tons of home made fertiliser-based explosive packed in boxes were found in a north London warehouse with an array of bombmaking equipment including car ombs, Semtex and 10 timers, plus two lorries.

Police said they had frus-trated an attack that could have taken place "today or tomorrow". The bombs were likely to have been meant for prestige targets such as the City of London and the Tory party conference in Bourne

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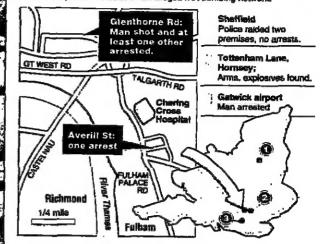
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ted the death of a man but added there was a dangerous political vacuum which Mr Major had to fill with "a pro-

Bombers thwarted In raids across England yesterday, one man was shot dead and f



Lorry tip-off put MI5 on the scent

Richard Norton-Taylor

The same route was to drive the modified low loader containing the bomb HE successful security which exploded at Canary and police operation which led to yester-Wharf in London's Dock-lands in February this day's arrests began when the Royal Ulster Constabuear, marking the end of the IRA's 17-month lary tipped off MI5 shout two lorries, believed to ceasefire.

Though surveillance wa the key to the operation, sources said a variety of techniques were used. These could have included Scotland, intelligence sources said last night. Once the trucks arrived

Cess of real negotiations", Yesterday's anti-terrorist success raises the spectre of penetration of the IRA's England Department, which runs the bombing campaign from Dublin. Since the IRA ended its ceasefire in February its operations have been dogged by arrests, premature explosions, arms seizures and bombs failing to go off. Senior officers were stag

gered at the size of the "quar-termaster's stores" which may have been in place before the Canary Wharf bomb in February. There were enough explosives and equipment to make five or six van bombs similar in size to those that wrecked South Quay in London's Docklands, and Manchester city centre on June 15. Three Kalashnikovs, two handguns and ammunition were also recovered.

Three homes in London and Sussex were raided just after 4am by officers from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. At a bed and breakfast hostel, The Lodge, in Glanthorne Road, Hammersmith, west London, a man was killed when shots were fired. It was not clear last night whethe

mouth in a fortnight. he had been armed or had The presence of under vehiopened fire on the police. He cle booby trap bombs also sugwas pronounced dead at Charing Cross hospital. gests the IRA was preparing to widen its attacks to politicians where a member of staff said his injuries had left him "like a pin cushion". The shooting or establishment figures. Security sources on both sides of the Irish border have is being investigated under the supervision of the Police Complaints Authority. in the past week claimed the IRA is about to hold an Army Convention, its ruling body. A mile away, in Fulham, a man was arrested by armed officers. A British Airways This could take far-reaching decisions about the direction of its campaign.

engineer at Gatwick Airport was also seized, and an address in nearby Crawley, The optimistic assessment is that those in the republican movement who favour an abeyance of IRA activity while Sussex, believed to be his home, was searched. In Sheffield, South York-

the lovalist ceasefire bolds shire, police searched a home and industrial premises. No one was arrested and no arms were gaining the upper hand. However, it has been thought the IRA could only or explosives were seized. Sir Paul Condon, the Metro-politan Police Commissioner, call a ceasefire from a position

of strength — after having provided high profile evidence of its continued capacity to said: "I have no doubt that

mount terrorist operations. today's operation has frus-John Major was "absolutely delighted" by the operation. trated an attempt by the Provisional IRA to carry out "The discovery of these plans and the huge stocks of explosignificant and imminent sives and arms put in their attacks on the mainland with the possibility, indeed the probability, of grave loss of proper context professions of peaceful intentions by Sinn Fein's leaders and speculalife, serious damage and dis-ruption to mainland cities." tion about a new IRA cease-

Sinn Fein's president, Leader Gerry Adams, said he regret- page 5 Leader com

fire," he said.

"We heard them shouting from the ground 'Drop your gun, drop your

Witness Gulafshan Ali, aged 32

gun, you've got no chance'.'



The trail of blood left after a man was killed during the police raid in Hammersmith, west London PHOTOGRAPH LOUISE BULLER

"One of the medical staff described him as being like a pin cushion because he had been hit so many times."

Security guard at Charing Cross Hospital

West 'covering up mass fraud in Bosnian polls'

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in Scotland, MI5 watchers vices were originally tipped took control of an opera-tion which eventually inoff by an informer. Republi-can sources in west Belfast volved 10 police forces, as well as the RUC and Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch.

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tion in Ireland. The lorries

were tracked from Ulster

The lorries were tracked in Scotland and down through England until they reached their destination in north London.

gence source said last night.

said yesterday they suspected an informer, but the IRA would not in any case admit sloppy work by their members The IRA, concerned about past reverses, is believed to have taken the risk of turning to experi-

"Hundreds of officers enced members, more were involved," an intelli-likely to be known to the security and intelligence services, to train recruits.

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Sketch

of magic moments

Simon Hoggart

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IBERAL conferences the latest began in Brighton yesterday - have Liberal moments, prized by us connoisseurs. "I'm afraid," said an apologetic voice from the chair, "that Lindsay has gone off to have a coughing fit so I've taken over for the moment.'

This came in the debate on the economy, and the fit may have been triggered by the first mention of the single European currency. The same trick could work for politicians on the Today pro-gramme. "Chancellor, do you believe that the Conservative party should sign up to the single currency under any

circumstances "Let me answer that question this way. Anna. Whoop! grack, splutter, wheeze, hurrrb hurrrb hurrrb. yercraw!

"Chancellor, thank you. After the news, Gordon Brown and his Fisherman's Friend." Later Lindsay returned to the chair and gave us another Liberal moment: "I have never before been asked for a separate vote on the title of the motion . . . " How naive. Liberal Democrats would ask for

separate votes on each word of the motion if they could. My favourite moment occurred just before lunch. The press release promised "Photo Opportunity. Matthew Taylor MP plus three others on four-seater bicycle. Envi-ronmental shot. Meet outside

conference centre." As I prepared to cross the road the man who attends every conference with his guitar, and a placard saying "Stop Cigarette Sales in Children's Sweet Shops", asked what was going on. I said I thought it was a sponsored bike ride.

"A sponsored bike ride!" be shouted. These four words, which would make any normal human being run a mile in the opposite direction, caused my new friend to sprint

Review

Butterfly: without

16-year-old denies stabbing to death 'good man defending pupil from attack by armed street gang'

Liberal sprinkling Head 'killed by Triad gang'

through the traffic to join the throng. We had been misled. The four-seater bike was in fact a four-wheeled contraption with a seat for two and a canopy, the kind of thing parents for their children to pedal down the prom.

Mr Taylor and a man from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds managed to climb on board. I asked the Liberal spin doctor what they were doing. "They're demon-strating that we are the leading environmental party," he

explained. "That thing does not use fossil fuels." I said it would be pretty use less if you wanted to take the family to France. "No, you would take the train instead," he said patiently. The anti-smoking folk

singer ("...an' yew can stick your Silk Cut/Where the monkey puts his nuts . . . ") ran to the bike (trike? quadricycle?) to get himself into the photographers' viewfinders.

Mr Taylor tried to make the best of it. "This thing, though it's hard to believe, is the future. Well, er, one aspect of the future." They set off towards Hove at a nippy, pollution-free 6 mph. The machine had no reverse, but when necessary a BBC crew pushed it backwards. That's another reason why it will never catch on: would you want to take a BBC crew every time you went shopping?

The RSPB man, who wore big round glasses and so looked a little like Mr Toad in the National Theatre's Wind In The Willows, went "parp parp" on the horn. "Let's see how brave you really are," said Mr Taylor, as he drove at the photographers. The antismoking minstrel ("Low Tar? No ta!/That's what she said to me") ran behind them backwards so he kept in shot.

The spin doctor asked him to get out of the way. He refused. The spin doctor pushed him. He hit back. Suddenly there was a full-scale

fist fight amid the bushes which separate the prom from the road. Another Liberal moment! Any minute we expected the arrival of a spin ambulance to whisk them to the spin hospital.

And proof yet again that the Liberals will do anything to let the public think they have dotty solutions to real problems.

election.

John Ezard

Lord "Bill" Rodgers, one of

when he made his unabashed



Headmaster Philip Lawrence: Stabbed when he 'peaceably confronted gang leader'

Vivek Chaudhary

EADMASTER Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death while trying to defend one of his pupils from an attack by a street gang which pretended to be the juvenile equivalent of the Triads, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

John Bevan, prosecuting, said on the first day of the trial of a 16-year-old youth accused of murdering Mr Lawrence that the gang arrived at St George's Roman Catholic School. in Maida Vale, west London, last De-cember, armed, wearing dark clothes, and with bandannas over their faces. It was, he said, a planned "military operation".

The 16-year-old, who cannot be named following a court order, was a member of the Woo Sang Woo (WSW) gang. largely made up of youths of Filipino origin said Mr Bevan

January 1993. Mr Lawrence's killing, said Mr Bevan, was one of the few "grave crimes" committed The youth denies murder. He is also jointly charged with a 15-year-old, who also cannot be named, of conspir acy to cause grievous bodily harm on the pupil Mr Law rence allegedly tried to help, and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Both deny the joint charges. Mr Bevan said that up to 12 one of air Lawrence's main preoccupations was the safety of his pupils and "it was in seeking to protect one of them that he died".

members of the WSW gang led by the 16-year-old defen dant, arrived at St George's intending to artack a pupil at the school. When Mr Law rence "peaceably" confronted their leader, he was stabbed

in the chest. was old enough to lead a gang of youths in a deliberate and The court heard that Mr Lawrence, aged 48, the first teacher to be killed while carone of Phillip Lawrence's pu-pils as that pupil left the rying out his duties, was first a family man with a wife and four children and school gates.



each year. "A man who in life

was unknown beyond his own

wide circle of family, friends

and work environment was

thrust into the national spot-light." One of Mr Lawrence's main

when Mr Lawrence con-fronted the leader, he was stabled in the chest "It was a tragic waste of the life of a good man for the worst re

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The court heard that the younger of the two defendants was a pupil at. St George's who had boasted that he was a Triad member. He enlisted the help of fellow WSW mem-bers affer a bers after a confrontation with a 13-year-old boy-over barging in the corridor. Mr Bevan said: "Gone are

the days when fisticuffs in a playground in a fair fight were thought reasonable. "He [the defendant] thought that an armed gang was the answer.

On the day of the attack, the gang was waiting around the corner from the school for the pupil but their plan was rum-bled when he saw them.

"It went wrong because the trap lacked subtlety and he sensed danger," said Mr Headmaster's wife Frances Lawrence at the Old Bailey Веуал. een head of his school since

The pupil ran to the front gates of the school where the gates of the school where the younger defendant offered to fight him. In the ensuing ar-gument, the 13-year-old pupil was hit over the head with an iron bar. Mr Bevan said it was not clear who struck the boy but it was not believed to have been either of the two defendants.

The court was also told that a 15-year-old "reluctant" member of the gang had broken ranks from the "Triad hopefuls," and would be giving evidence against the defendants.

Mr Bevan said: "His at-tacker is also a leader but of a rather different type that, al-though only 15 at the time, he Mr Bevan said that the gang of 12 was divided into groups of three as they ap-proached St George's and that concerted attempt to attack at all times, the youth accused of murdering Mr Lawrence was in charge of the planning. The case continues

second a headmaster." He had

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Priority is to oust Tories, most leading speakers criticised New Labour "timidity" Lord Rodgers asserts

plea at the Guardian debate on the fringe of the Lib Dem conference. Party leaders hes-Ewen MacAskill and Michael White

the best chance of unseating Conservatives at the coming Labour before and after the

the Gang of Four who ception of the party president, founded the Social Demo-cratic Party in 1981, was greeted with cries of "shame" this is not the time for poison

itate to urge tactical voting after setbacks in the 1980s. NE of the Liberal The intervention of the for-Democrats' elder statesmen, Lord mer Labour cabinet minister in a prepared statement came as the Lib Dems' Brighton Rodgers, threw caution aside yesterday by urging tactical voting to elect conference was again domi-Labour MPs where they stood nated by discussion of poss-

general election.

With the conspicuous ex-

Robert Maclennan, who said that "between us and Labour

blowpipes or battle axes".

in almost equal measure with criticism of the Tories. But the party leader, Paddy Ashdown, who wants close cooperation with a Blair government but no merger, will not use his own major speech in Brighton this afternoon to bash Labour. Instead. he will attack the Government for trying to monopolise patriotism by wrapping the Conservatives in the flag on issues

team has already staked a

claim to be clear, consistent and candid on tax and Europe.

Armed with private polling that suggests his credibility in this field — as an ex-soldier and diplomat — is high, he

will today try to wrest the pat-

riotic card from Tory clutches.

ing sentence in 1981, writing in the Guardian of the pre-SDP Council for Social De-

mocracy: "They want a kindly capitalism, a gentle market economy, an air-con-

ditioned jungle." Mr Foot's earliest quote,

day dismissed talk of pacts, playing down the Liberal Democrats as little more than "an important pressure group". But such statements are for public consumption. Behind the scenes. Labour and the Liberal Democrats are conscious that after the election they may have to work together. like Scottish devolution and

"I hope there will be a signifi-

cant amount of tactical voting in the country. And if you

were not an active Liberal

Democrat and staying one, I

would certainly say to the others of this country, vote to

With the election barely six | first preference, but vote | months away. Labour's chief Labour if that is the best way whip, Donald Dewar, yesterof doing so." In spite of opposition by speakers from the audience

citing Labour's trustworthiness," the hostility was not as great as it would have been in past years, a likely recognition of electoral reality. Although the official party line is to maximise the Liberal Democrat vote, many of

ties with the European Union. Nicholson and Menzies fear they may be victims of it. representation and other Mr Ashdown believes his Campbell, Lord Rodgers said: Lord Rodgers was later un-issues on the perty's agenda.

tender if you want to change the governme

To sweeten the proposal, he predicted that Liberal Democrats could win 10-15 more eats if tactical voting auc ceeded, taking their likely

tally to more than 40. Mr Campbell, MP for North Fife, said during the debate that he did not endorse the idea of tactical voting. The aim should be to maximise the Lib Dem vote to put pres Speaking at the Guardian the party's MPs are relaxed sure on Labour to back the about tactical voting. Others i introduction of propertional about tactical voting. Others introduction of proportional

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Butterfly's wedding there are so many of them, each carry-Andrew Clements

......................... Madama Butterfly Opera North, Grand Theatre,

O one could accuse Opera North of being unwilling to take risks. but whether a popular reper-tory piece like Madama Butterfly is the right place to take them is another matter. They have hired a young Lithuanian director working on her first opera with an established company, and the two princi-pal singers are making their debuts. The result is more inept and unconvincing than one could have imagined.

Dalia Ibelhauptaite sets out her manifesto in an embar-rassing article in the programme. Apparently we've been getting it wrong all these years: Pinkerton only ever really loves Butterfly, and his American wife Kate knows she will always be second best, while Sharpless was and "possibly still is" in love with Butterfly too, and when he takes leave of her he is devas-tated because he only knows there can be no happy ending Legislation should be passed forbidding directors to write programme notes, especially arrogant nonsense like this. It all might not have mattered so much had the basic stagecraft of the piece been

more convincing. But the show (with designs by Oleg Cheintsis) is blighted by a compulsion for doing things, never trusting the drama to pace itself. So there is a constant traffic of extras across the stage: rickshaws shuttle to and fro incessantly during the opening scene until during

NTERNET companies yes-terday backed an initiative aimed at driving pornogra-phy off the Net despite warn-

Stuart Millar

ing a member of the chorus decked out in sickly pink, that there is no room for anyone to move. In the second act, members of Butterfly's family, who have supposedly ostracised her for marrying Pinkerton and converting to Christianity, stand mute guard as the opera drives to its conclu-sion. Ibelhauptaite also has Butterfly's son on stage from the beginning of the second act, neatly destroying the sense of shock, one of the searing moments in the opera, when she later produces him in front of Sharpless - the most extreme example of the director knowing best in the face of everything that the

drama and the music scream to the contrary. Add performances in the principal roles that on the first night seemed totally inadequate, and you have all the ingredients for an operatic di-saster. The Chinese soprano Chen Sue sang Butterfly with a tone that would curdle milk at 50 paces, chopping up the phrases wherever she thought fit, while Pinkerton was the American Mark Nicolson, who from the start seemed overwhelmed by what he was expected of him. And even normally reliable singers seemed reduced to mere shad-

ows by the theatrical mess in which they found themselves: Peter Savidge's colourless Sharpless and Liane Keegan's Suzuki were the main casualties and only Clive Bayley as the Bonze restored some company pride. The conducting by Marco Zambelli was energetic

if sometimes overloud, though that, in the circum-stances, was no bad thing.

New initiative aims to keep

pornography off Internet

Little flair from Blair - but from the pen of Benn a flow of quotable quotes

power have you got? To whom are you accountable?"), a backbencher who last held office 17 years ago, has as many quotes listed from the last two years as the EW Labour still lags badly behind Old Labour in at least one distinguished skill — the art of speaking words which earn Labour leader.

The dictionary, which is immortality in print. Despite all his media expo-sure and multitude of speeches, Tony Blair has only edited by Yes Minister author Antony Jay, includes Labour's deputy leader, John Prescott, for expostulating: "We're in danger of loving ourselves to death", during a 1994 leadership debate with Mr Blair and Margaret four entries in the new Oxford Dictionary of Political Quotations*, due out next month. His colleagues John Prescott and Gordon Brown Beckett. figure only for their political The shadow chancellor,

The shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, gains immor-tality for a 43-word sentence explaining "the growth of post neo-classical endogenous growth theory" which brought him a Plain English Campaign nonsense award the same year This compares with 14 quotes from one of their socialist arch-critics. Tony Benn, eight from Michael Foot, and 10 from Neil Kinnock. Mr Blair ("The art of lead-

ership is saying no") can not plead newness in office as an excuse. Mr Benn ("What you") penned his first endur-

A word in your ear

...................... HOSE who seriously be-He's passed from rising Lieve we cannot improve on words written for the hope to elder statesman without any intervening period whatsoever. Michael Foot, of David world of 1918 when we are now in 1995 are not learn-ing from our history but liv-Steel, 1979 ing it. Tony Blair. on Clause 4, 1995

If I sound lukewarm about our commitment to enter the European exchange rate mechanism, it was because of a frog in my throat. Jula. ajor. 1241

You don't reach Downing Street by pretending you've travelled the road to Da-mascus when you haven't even left home. Thatcher, of Kinnock, 1989

to grow old. Neil Kinnock, 1983

You have used every cliche exceptional is love" and

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Mr roots earliest quote, dating back 34 years, attacks a rightwing Labour minister who died 45 years ago: "A speech from Ernest Bevin on a major occasion had all the horrific fascination of a pub-Mr Blair's reforming prede-cessor, the late John Smith, and the 1930s politician George Lansbury are the only Labour leaders this century whom Mr Jay finds wholly

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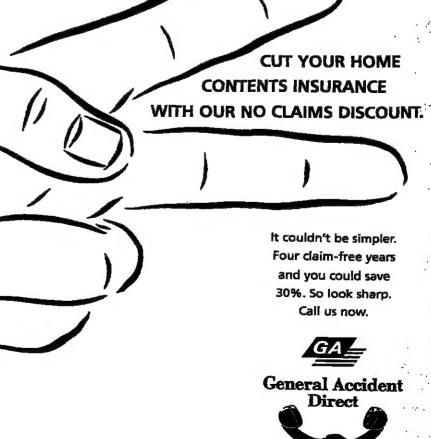
bench gadfly Ken Livingstone for remarking: "The problem is that many MPs never see the London that exists beyond the wine bars and brothels of Westminster.'

John Major ("It is time to get back to basics"), gets seven entries in the dictionary, one more than Sir Edward Heath.

However this is dwarfed by Margaret Thatcher's 37 en-tries, Harold Macmillan's 25, Harold Wilson's 21 and - be-fore the era of television and soundbites — Winston Chur-chill's 107, Lloyd George's 31, Disraeli's 104, Gladstone's 30, Walter Bagehot's 58 and Ed-mund Burke's 92.

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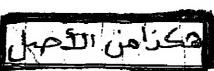
the same year. Mr Kinnock ("I'm not going to be bloody kebabbed by *OUP, £15.99, published on October 17.



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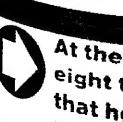


He said that if after the elec repentant. "If you are fighting an unwinnable seat, it is diffi-cult for you to accept the idea tion it was necessary in order to make an agreement with of tactical voting. I am not Labour in order to keep the asking activists to do any-Conservatives out of governthing other than fight to win," he said. "But I am saying to voters, ment, he would be happy to do that. get rid of this government. Vote Liberal Democrat as a you should vote for the con-

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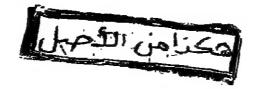
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Love and hate: Bardot bares her soul

The French cinema icon is releasing her autobiography, **Paul Webster** in Paris writes

S HER 62nd birthday approaches on Saturday, Brigitte Bardot is about to reveal the full misery and the rare joys of being the most famous Frenchwoman since Joan of Arc.



BRIGITTE BARDOT

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"When you live such in-Initiales BB ... title inspired Her autobiography claim a record for cinema world heartbreaks and atmal rights foundation. She has spent much of the last 21 tempted suicides. The book, inspired by a song written by a former lover, the musician Serge years putting together her own story as a reply to "all the rubbish that has been Gainsbourg, will be released in France and Germany this written about me". In her pre-publication week during a publicity ex-travaganze which includes an build-up, BB has lost none of the art of being the century's greatest tease. announcing entire night of television inthat she has been "conned terviews and film re-runs. The cinema-going public will adore her for her demolimanipulated and abused" The management of guarded tion of co-stars such as Alain interviews, spontaneous com-Delon and Sacha Distel, and ments and leaked snippets weep over the unhappiness of from the autobiography. pubinnumerable affairs. Howlished in France by Grasset, has been better scripted than ever, the former actress could cause repulsion by her warm most of her films. "I am very afraid of the imsupport for the racist French pact," she said yesterday. "This is more stressful than a politician Jean-Marie Le Pen BB, who is married to one of Mr Le Pen's aides, has not appeared in a film since she first film. My life has been a succession of brief moments of joy and terrible trials. With retired at 40 to set up an ani-

me, life is made up only of the best and the worst of love and hate. Everything that woral liberation movement photographer covering the moral liberation movement happened to me was erces-sive. In this book, I have in Saint-Germain-des-Prés that brought together an in-tellectual elite, led by Jean-

The image is entirely in keeping with the semi-naked Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir, and a mass of popu-lar talent including the acfemme-enfant temptress of Roger Vadim's 1956 film Et Dieu Créa la Femme (And God Created Woman). First leaks of the text allude to alco-hol abuse, self-destructive depression and a cinematic

tress Juliette Greco and the writer Françoise Sagan. The best known of her lovers were cinema stars such as Jean-Louis Trintignant and Warren Beatty. She neglected her only child, Nicholas, by the actor Jac-

with her leading men from ques Charrier, and describes pregnancy as "the punish-ment of God". She found the isfaction only when filming ended. "The madness which surrounded me always seemed unreal," she recalls. "I was Sophia Loren." never really prepared for the life of a star. I'm happier in my routine life today than when I was chased after by 100 photographers." She has deliberately destroyed her image as a sex symbol by refusing cosmetic surgery, dressing badly and, after giving away her Saint Tropez villa to her foundation, living in a small house surrounded by rescued animals, a rusty Renault 4L and a broken down Range Rover. "You mustn't think I am dissatisfied," she said. "That would be a form of bitterness. My life is now what I always wanted — what I dreamed about subsconsciously."

Thoughts of BB

ON ACTOR ALAIN DELON: 'Alain is handsome, certainly, but so is my Louis XVI co mmode. And I don't communicate any better with my commode than with Alain. Nothing happens in his face or in his eyes to cause emotion, nothing hap pens which attracts you, nothing which makes you believe in a sliver of truth. feelings or passion. Alain is a cold being, extremely ego-

ON SINGER SACHA DIS-TEL: "All of a sudden the star of the couple was him with his contracts, his musi cians, his think tank, his public relations. If only he had known at the time that his first public relations asset was me. He didn't find out until afterwards when he had become a zero . . . All never go back. When it's finished, it's finished." the men who shared my life, whether singer, actor or playboy, had their moment of glory. They thought it was due to their own selves ON NATIONAL FRONT and were cruelly disappointed when they saw the glory pass to their succesme, is revolted by certain things. On the terrifying sor and they were abansurge of immigration. I

worth all my admiration his ankle. He had what and my love, which in some ways, still lasts. But I was makes great statesmen: au-thority. It's the same for teachers and fathers — if so young and so mad that I did not realise I was inthere is no respect then it's volved with exceptional bea mess." ings. I need to devour life and I let them pass. I have ON MEN AND LOVE: "I love always fled to somewhere which I think better and intense, reckless affairs,

They must burn you up. Love must be passionate, even if passionate love does not last. That's why I have a life full of amorous liaisons. LEADER, JEAN-MARIE LE I fell in love with my male PEN: "He is a charming and acting partners from the intelligent man, who, like moment of the first love scene."

> ON SOCIETY: "I hate it, I detest it and think it's hor-

there is always a bill to pay," she said, revealing that just before she retired she drank two bottles of champagne and three bottles of wine a day. Referring to suicide at-

tempts when she cut her wrists, took sleeping pills and tried to gas herself, she said: "You cannot escape the dis-tress which follows great

happin Her book tells of lovers who beat her, betrayed her and ex-ploited her because she was naive and vulnerable. They treated her as a slut and a prostitute. Her upbringing in a strict Parisian bourgeois family, who hoped she would become a ballet dancer, did not prepare her for her meeting with Vadim, her first hus band, who turned her into a universal sexual fantasy. She was 14 when they met,

21 killed in mosque massacre

Muslims in tit-for-tat shootings as Pakistani violence spirals

geance: 60 miles away, near the town of Bahawalpur, a Phil Goodwin in Islamabad

senior figure in the hardline Shia Tehrik-i-Jafria Pakistan **ROOPS** were patrolling

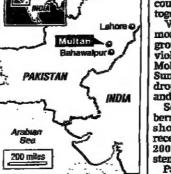
the Punjabi city of Mul-tan last night after at (TJP) was killed. It was the killing on Sunday of another Shia leader in the least 21 Sunni Muslim wor-shippers were killed in a area that prompted yester day's attack on the Sunni mosque massacre by gummen believed to be from a Shia 11090

The killings follow months of shootings at religious gatherings, between Sunni and Four men walked into the mosque just before dawn, as prayers were about to start. They opened fire with auto-matic weapons for several Shia gangs. Pakistan's mainly Sunni population of 130 mi tion has a Shia minority of 15 per cent.

minutes before escaping in a The chief minister of Pun jab, Arif Nakai, said the kill-ings were carried out by "big-Ten people were killed instantly, and many others --most of them under the age of oted heretics" Afterwards, demonstrators clashed with police in the streets of Multan. Shia places 16 - were seriously injured. The victims reportedly included boys studying at a

of worship were attacked. Koranic school attached to One man said his father had been in the mosque at the

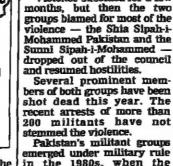
time. "He told me that as soon as the worshippers kneeled in prayer, the gunmen opened up with automatic weapons,



firing from three sides," he said. The shooting went on for five minutes and there was blood and bits of flesh all over the mosque. A spokesman in Karachi for the radical Sunni Sipab-i-Sahaba (SSP) group blamed the TJP for the attack on

'innocent worshippers" Some of those in the mosque "may have been supporters of the SSP". he said, "but they were not party members." A similar outbreak of violence last year ended only

when the authorities arrested hundreds of militants, and religious parties formed a council to bring rival groups together. Violence subsided for a few



in the 1980s, when the country was actively encourand funding Islamic militants, with Western funds, to fight against the Soviet occupation of neigh-bouring Afghanistan.

Many people accuse politi-clans of complicity in perpetuating the violence, because of the politics of survival. The government of Benazir Bhutto retains a narrow majority coalition in Punjah with the help of the extremist Sunni group Sipah-e-Sihaba.

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ON ACTORS JEAN-LOUIS TRINTIGNANT and SAMI FREY: "Those two are

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At the height of his addiction he was injecting eight times a day, pretending to local chemists that he needed it for terminally ill patients. Inside Story on Clive Froggatt

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the mosque. The Pakistani government announced that two men had been arrested. But within an hour of the mosque victims' funerals, presumed Sunni vigilantes exacted their own ven-

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News in brief

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MP condemns 'law of jungle' killing

A SMALL time criminal beaten to death in a "punishment" attack on Sunday night was the victim of "the law of the jungle", his MP, William McCrea, the Democratic Unionist member for mid-Ulster, claimed yesterday. George Scott, 31, was attacked with a baseball bat by three men who burst into his flat in Cookstown. Co Tyrone, where he was sitting in the living room with his 20-year-old girlfriend. The dead man, who was separated from his wife and had a young child, was a Protestant but police said they do not believe the attack was sectarian or drug-related. Mr Scott was a well-known character, with convictions for assault and robbery, and

four known character, with convictions for assault and robbery, and was an associate of Joseph Donaghy, who was found shot dead on a nearby golf course two years ago. - David Sharrock

Girl died after blood refused

A TEENAGE Jehovah's Witness died after a rollerblading accident because a blood transfusion was refused on religious dent because a blood transfusion was refused on religious grounds, an inquest heard vesterday. Emelie Grootjes, a 19-year-old Dutch student who was on a family holiday at a Dorset caravan park this summer, was taken to Poole general hospital but died from fat embolism syndrome five days later. The Bourne-mouth inquest heard that fat and marrow from her broken bones had entered her blood system, but instead of the usual procedure of transfusing blood immediately, doctors performed a two-hour caraving the phone fat contaminating the blood. Consultant operation to stop more fat contaminating the blood. Consultant surgeon Charles Blakeway said: "The transfusion was refused because she was a Jehovah's Witness. [That] refusal contributed to her death in my opinion." Emelie's father, Cornelius Grootjes, said: "We accept other treatment but not blood or blood products. think the doctors did all they could and I am very happy with all they did."

The coroner recorded a verdict that she died as the result of an accident — "the consequences of which were contributed to by the refusal of blood transfusions". — Alex Bellos

Police sex case inquiry calls

NORTH Yorkshire police authority, which paid an unpublicised £100,000 compensation to a staff victim of sexual harassment, is to hold an emergency meeting today after bi-partisan calls for an independent inquiry. Conservative and Labour leaders on the county council yesterday urged a public airing of the case, which is expected to cost the force over \$1 million when enhanced pension payments to the former woman constable are calculated

Chief constable David Burke and the police authority's Liberal Democrat chairwoman, Angela Harris, will announce a decision on the inquiry call this afternoon. Both have denied the deal with former detective constable Libby Ashurst, 27, was arranged to prevent embarrassing revelations at an industrial tribunal. Ms Ashurst was at the centre of claims that officers at Harrogate police station wore buildog clips on their nipples and used a ennel as a punishment cell for a policeman who wore the "wrong" tie. After an internal inquiry found five of eight disci-plinary charges against him proved, Detective Chief Inspector Colin Hallinan, head of Harrogate CID, was fined 13 days" pay. — Martin Wainwright

Man admits foot fetish assault

A TEENAGER with a foot fetish pulled a woman to the ground on an area of derelict land after she had picked up her daughter from dancing class and assaulted her after taking off one of her sandals. George Richards, 18, told his victim she had "the sexiest feet I've ever seen" before starting to lick and suck one of them. The attack ended when the woman, aged 36, and her 10-year-old daughter beat him and ran away. It came minutes after he accosted another woman, aged 57, offering to lick her feet and pay £40 for her stockings and shoes. At North Tyneside magistrates' court yester-day, Richards, of Killingworth, Tyne and Wear, admitted indecent assault and was bailed until November for reports. He also pleaded guilty to harassing the older woman. — Nick Varley

RAF man killed in copter fall

THE RAF launched an inquiry yesterday after a crewman died falling from a helicopter during a night exercise in South Wales. Sergeant Michael Patton, 29, from Odiham, Hampshire, was a loadnaster in a Chinook which was taking of after taking diers to a training range near Pe

THIRD woman Church Aemerged from Roder-ick Wright's past yes terday, claiming that church authorities had igwas told nored her warnings about the Scottish bishop's unor-thodox private life.

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Ileene McKinney, aged 67, who was the bishop's housekeeper for 17 months. said that in 1992 she met Cardinal Thomas Winning. the Archbishop of Glasgow and Archbishop Keith O'Brien of St Andrews to relay her conviction that he was carrying on affairs with four women. She said her suspicions were based on letters discovered at the bishop's residence. next door to Oban's waterfront cathedral in Strathclyde. One letter is said to have compared his love-making women, to the performance of seals

in a wildlife park. Ms McKinney said that when she indicated to the archbishop that Bishop Wright should resign, Cardinal Winning interrupted: "Is that not a bit harsh? What about confession?" The former housekeeper also alleged that she twice

confronted the bisbop over the letters, which she had found in his wastepaper basket and on his dressing **Erlend Clouston on** table. 'revealing' letters On the first occasion he

swore on his mother's Letters, page 9

ing an affair. On the second, she said, he turned white. Ms McKinney said she then went to see the two churchmen, the top figures in the Scottish Catholic hierarchy, and was sacked two weeks afterwards by Bishop Wright. Last week Cardinal Win-

ning said that when ques-tioned by him. the bishop had categorically denied any impropriety. In an interview with the

Scottish Daily Record. Ms McKinney also said one let-ter was signed "Yours ever. Joanna", and another "Love Kathleen" — pre-sumably Joanna Whibley. the mother of Bishop Wright's son Kevin. and Kathleen MacPhee. with

whom he eloped a fortnight ago. Ms McKinney refused to name the other two cor-respondents, but said one alluded to a sexual relationship. In Sunday's News of the World the bishop claimed to have had "only" two mistresses, one

"only" two mistresses, one of them Mrs MacPhee, whom he hopes to marry. Yesterday church spokes

men expressed the hope that the bishop would in-stead eventually return to the church.

Guide grave that he was not havlists ways to help clergy keep sexual pitfalls at bay

Britain and abroad. Sarah Boseley on avoiding scandal

The Guardian Tuesday September 24 1996

UIDELINES to help | statements of the code of practice and procedures in case of Church of England ministers avoid intiallegations of sexual abuse or inappropriate behaviour." They follow a working party macy with adults or children which could lead to sexual report into the need for guidescandal were published by lines, which was also pub-lished yesterday. the Oxford diocese yesterday. The Code of Ministerial An ordained or lay minis-Practice is being sent to more than 1.500 clergy and lay min-isters in the diocese to help them sidestep pitfalls which

ter, the code says, is in a pro-fessional relationship with those in his or her care. Should they begin to get in-volved with an individual they must ensure that the person transfers to another church, just as a doctor would ensure a patient with whom he or she was involved would move to another practice.

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home late at night, and they are warned against the perils of drink and drugs on duty. In carrying out their pasto-ral care, ministers are told to avoid late-night visits or Ministers are given a list of danger signs that a relation-ship is becoming too intense, remaining alone with children. They are warned to pay such as sweaty palms, an in-creased pulse rate before counselling a particular per-son and extensions of time alattention to the atmosphere of attention to the atmosphere of places used to meet parishio-ners, including details such as "arrangement of furniture and lighting"; it may be bet-ter to sit facing a woman on a located for them. Publication of the code so soon after the revelations of the disgraced Roman Catholic bishop Roderick Wright is bound to contribute to debate

sofa rather than bestde her, the code says. They are urged to think carefully about their "bodily posture" and use of Christian names and terms of endeerment over behaviour of the clergy. The Oxford diocese has had expressions of interest in the endearment

after a year long study following the disintegration of the Nine O'Clock Service youth church amid allega tions of sexual impropriety by

project from other dioceses in The initiative was taken

Richard Thomas, communications officer for the diocese, said the guidelines were devised due to "a growing youth chu awareness that professional tions of sex hodies needed published its leader.

Psychologists call for caution on drug treatment for hyperactive children fer from ADHD. Nine out of 10 **Chris Mihill and Jane Alfred** of those given that diagnosis

may arise from close contact with members of the public.

Clergy are advised not to visit

parishioners of the opposite sex or invite them to their

YPERACTIVE children are being treated unnecessar-ily with amphetamine-like drugs in place of more appropriate forms of therapy, psychologists say today.

A report from the British Psychological Society says that there are no simple causes of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children, nor any simple treatments.

The term ADHD is increas ingly being used to describe a variety of behaviours, including hyperactivity itself, agssion and inattentiveness in children and adolescents. The condition has been linked to anti-social behaviour and juvenile delinquency, although medical proof of its existence remains controversial because no biological

cause is known. "The concept of ADHD as a single condition is controversial for many reasons ... many factors affect the way

attention is deployed in par-ticular situations," says the document. "Professionals should be wary of describing children as having ADHD

there receive stimulant drugs. But British psycholo-gists are concerned that prob-lem children are being unnec-essarily treated with drugs for behavioural problems which they will eventually grow out of.

arousal, thereby improving concentration — although how they work is not understood.

The society's report eram ines various ways to help such children, and points out that child-rearing practices, curriculum content, teaching methods, peer culture and community support can all influence such behaviour.

The report is guarded about the value of psychostimu-lants, particularly Rifalin, the most widely used drug. It cites American evidence for its short-term benefits, but raises questions about its

long-term use. "Both researchers and practitioners are unanimous about the importance of combining medication with other forms of intervention which adir

The theory is that the am phetamine-like drugs can stimulate brain areas involved in alertness and

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the front door 100 feet above the ground. Part of the door was found in a field outside the range. — David Fairhall

Burglar released in 'cock-up'

POLICE are bunting a burglar who was released from Walton jail Liverpool, last Thursday after only two weeks of a four-year sentence because prison officials — who admit to "a bit of a cockup" - mixed him up with an inmate with the same surname. Gary Richards, 38, from Mid-Wales, who was sentenced on September 6 by Caernarfon crown court, is now "unlawfully at large", police say. — *Alan Travis*

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Martin Guerre adopts new guise | Handicapped are 'in acute as producer answers his critics | need of more housing' reclaim his bride, will be moved nearer to the

Dan Glaister Arts Correspon beginning. Sir Cameron said: "We **PREVIEW** audiences didn't mauled it and audiences have start putting the changes in this week. We are recon-structing and reclarifying the been lukewarm. Now Sir Cameron Mackintosh, pro-ducer of hit West End shows Les Miserables and Miss Sai story. The £3.5 million production has had problems before and since opening in July. The first night was delayed after gon, has bowed to market forces and announced that preview audiences were said to be confused. Martin Guerre, the musical, is to be rejigged. Critics professed bewilder-ment. giving headline writers

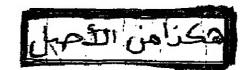
A new opening number has been written by Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boublil, the show's creators, the opportunity for ungram-matical fun: "It's not magnifique but c'est le Guerre" was and several changes will be Finally, a few weeks after opening, power failures, afmade to the first act. One major complaint has been that the show spends too ected its complex stage machinery, causing several cancellations. long setting the scene. The

pivotal moment. when Guerre, or an imposter pre-Sir Cameron plans to tending to be Guerre, returns tending to be Guerre. returns review progress next year mation on unm to his village from war to once changes have bedded in. need is obtained."

The report by the inquiry, under Gillian Wagner, is said David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent to be the most comprehensive analysis of the community care needs of people with learning disabilities, esti-mated at between 500,000 and more than a million. ABOUT 27,000 extra hous-ing places will be needed over the next five years for people with learning disabil-ities or mental handicap, an inquiry set up by the Montal The 18-strong team sought inquiry set up by the Mental Health Foundation, a research and grant-making charity, says today. Thousands of the places evidence from more than 600 people, including almost 300 with learning disabilities. It found that while such people were increasingly regarded as part of the community, they would be needed for people now being cared for by el derly parents. According to one estimate, four in 10

were still frustrated by public prejudice, financial hardship and scarcity of services. Although 37 per cent reported difficulties with dressing and wrehing only 1 people with learning disabil-ities living at home had at least one carer over 60; one in dressing and washing, only 1 formal care-givers as opposed to friends and relatives. 10 had a sole carer over 70. Calling on the Government to set up an independent task force, the inquiry report says

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without a thorough investiga-tion of alternative explanand academic achievement Psychostimulant medication ations." However, parents with such children were desis seen as a palliative and not sufficient on its own." There had been complaints perate for help. In America, it is believed 2

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'i have taught children with special needs, but this beat me'

Victoria Clark

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OUIS, aged 11, thinks nothing of hailing women with "Hello, you old bitch!", or calling his granny "vermin". Jackie Coole, his mother, has to langh sometimes but her beantiful blue-eyed boy has the severest case of at-

has the severest case of at-tention deficit hyperactivi-ty disorder (ADHD) Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London has ever seen. As far es che ever seen. As far as she mows, there is no cure.

knows, there is no cure. As a baby Louis hardly slept and could not be put down. "I did the washing up with him strapped to me hanging over the sink," says Mrs Coole. By the time he was three he was "anti-social" — chucking platehome. She gives him 10 minute tasks to do with 10 minute breaks: "He feels bad about himself. He knows people complain about him — his self-esteen

fuls of food around and tearing a new teddy bear to pieces. People blamed her for failing to control her child. She and her husband tightened up on discipline, but Louis just got worse. "I have experience of teaching children with special needs," Mrs Coole says, "but this beat me." A specialist in ADHD told the Cooles that their son with his white-blond hair and nearcing blue spect had

and piercing blue eyes had the classic appearance of a hyperactive child. Having a label to explain him helped but at school he was lying and stealing.

This year has been espe-cially hard. The Ritalin drug he has been taking since the age of eight no longer helps. Although he takes another, Chlonodine. to lower his blood pressure, his school will not have

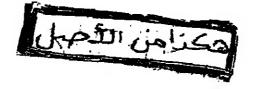
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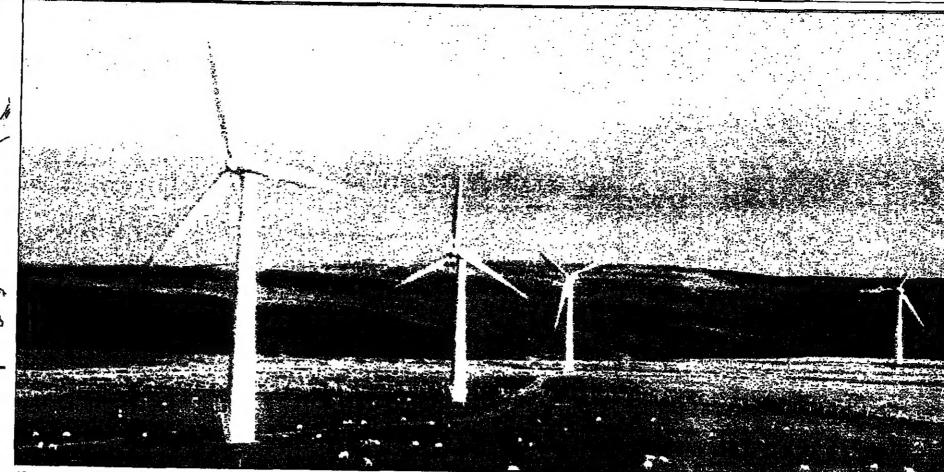
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Ex-Thatcher aide delighted at group's success in thwarting schemes which stop renewable energy targets being met



Although wind farms are supported by up to 80 per cent of people, and Britain has 40 per cent of Europe's potential wind power, the Country Guardian group has helped block most plane

Ingham protest blows out national wind farm plan

Paul Brown

Environ nt Corresponden SMALL but highly or ganised pressure group involving Sir Bernard Ingham Margaret Thatcher's former press secretary, is blocking attempts to build wind farms and is preventing the Government reaching its targets for renewable energy, the British Wind Energy Association said yesterday.

Launching a campaign to get 10 per cent of Britain's energy from wind by 2025, the associa-

was successful in stopping 77 per cent of planning applica-tions for wind farms by letter-writing campaigns to councillors. Environmental campaigne Jonathan Porritt said: "Much of what they say is Ill-in-formed, narrow-minded emotional rubbish, but one cannot deny it has been very effective." Sir Bernard said he was de-

tion said that the highly orga-nised Country Guardian group people in all surveys wanted more wind power, and only between 2 and 10 per cent wanted it stopped. The UK has 550 wind turbines producing electricity for 400,000 homes, about 10 per cent of Europe's total. The UK has about 40 per cent of Europe's potential wind power but is using less than 1 per cent of it.

In Germany there were already 4,100 turbines, but there is far less potential. And be cause of Britain's greater wind resources, electricity produced by turbines is half the price

Worldwide, the wind energy industry was now worth £1 billion, and that would double

still more expensive than gas,

although prices were coming ity, said his support of nuclear ithings. Environmental cam ular wind farms. The individ-down all the time. power had no effect on his op-position to wind power. He was against wind turbines be-Charles Secrett, executive director of Friends of the Earth, said that if the true costs of cause of the damage to the global warming and acid rain were included, wind power looked very cheap. It was the landscape. "I am delighted we have up-

set them, it just goes to show how effective we are. There are no sinister backers, it is just a Sir Bernard, vice-president bunch of highly motiviated in-of Country Guardian and an adviser to the nuclear indus- stop useless forests of these

builds. Environmental cam-paigners that support these things are clearly aesthetically dead. They produce so little electricity that they hardly make any difference to the worklam." problem Robert Woodward, one of

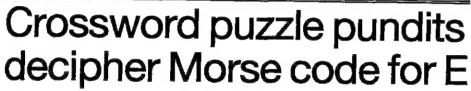
group's organisers, said Country Guardian had 200 members of whom half were individuals and the rest organisations opposing partic-

uals paid £10 a year and the rest £20. One person had given £3,750 but there was no industry backing for the campaign, which was carried out by a dedicated band of individuals. He said: "I am as opposed to

nuclear power as I am to wind power. "Neither of them are part of the solution. What we need is energy efficiency.



lighted to have upset the wind lobby so much. The association said that between 70 and 80 per cent of here compared with Germany.



John Ezard on the mysterious initial of Oxford's most



Books Etc. in London, had people queuing round the shop and balf way down the block. Maurice Early, aged 63, crossword buff and retired

telephone operator, ha travelled by coach from Brighton to be there. Mr Early, who like Mr Dexter cut his testh on the Observ-

er's Ximenes crossword, said after hearing the book's clues, that En-

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the turn of the century Britain needed a firm domestic order book to provide a launch pad for exports, which the in-dustry estimated could provide 19,000 extra jobs. most advanced renewable Wind power is now cheaper technology. Sir Bernard, vice-president of Country Guardian and an than nuclear energy, and new coal-fired power stations, but

ramous detective

Christian name was HIEF revealed yesterday as a 33-1 outsider: Endeavour.

It was bestowed on the television detective by parents besotted by Quak-etism and the explorer Captain Cook, whose ship was called Endeavour.

As an embarrassing Christian name, it turned out to be no great shakes. Quakers could do far worse. They used to call girls Chastity and boys Temperance, which would have been truly embarrassing for the beer-fancying Morse.

Sin-obsessed English Puritans have christened their offspring File-Fornication, Misericordia-Adulterina, Small-Hope and Continent. In the American deep south, the first names Chlorine, Deatha, Odema, Coarsey, Basilene, Randy, Pinky (with the surname Bottom) and Onan have been registered.



deavour was the clear answer. Mr Grant was equally confident, though he added: "If I'm wrong, John Thaw: character I've got egg on my face." named after Cook's ship

Mr Dexter was as pleased as his publishers at the lu-Even as a crossword puzcrative turnout and betting zle, what publishers billed as "the last great Morse shop fervour, boosted by a teaser advertising cammystery" turned out dispaign. He said the name tinctly substandard. The answer was disclosed became from a friend of his wife who knew two New fore ordinary readers had a England sisters christened chance to scan the clues in Determination Colin Dexter's new Morse Endeavour.

novel, Death is Now My The actor John Thaw, Neighbour, published who plays him, said: "It yesterday. sums up the guy in lots of John Grant, aged 72, an ways." It was left to Kevin

ex-Manchester Guardian Whately, who plays man and retired Times Morse's honest, undevious crossword editor, worked it out easily in advance after sidekick Sgt Lewis, to sug-gest the stunt was slightly reading the clues in a contrived. Surely, he said review copy, with the solu-tion blacked out. Morse's colleagues would have seen his name on rou-The first book signing at | tine police warrant sheets?

ITV aims for top ratings

£800m network strategy seeks to revamp weak Saturday night

SPASON

Androw Culf Media Correspondent

TV yesterday outlined its £800 million strategy for 1997, designed to reinforce its position as Britain's most popular channel. The network is to invest in

23 new dramas and overhaul Burning (12.8 million). Heart-beat and You've Been Framed on ITV were watched by 13 million, while BBC1's Pie in the Sky rated 5.6 million and its flagging Saturday night schedules as it prepares for increased competition from cable, satellite and Channel 5, which launches next year. Marcus Plantin, ITV's net-

work director, acknowledged in a glitzy presentation to more than 2,000 advertisers at the London Palladium that times were "getting tougher". events TTV has come under fire continued investment in from agencies for a faltering soaps, and a return to screen-

ing American series and movies. On Saturday night, the network's Achilles heel, original drama from Britain and the US will be used to combat the ratings performance during the spring and summer, alpulling power of the National Lottery Live on BBC1. Comedy, another tradithough it opened up a nine-point gap over BBC1 in the first week of the autumn new tional area of weakness for ITV, is to be bolstered by

Loved By You, starring John Gordon Sinclair and Holding On Sunday night unofficial ratings showed ITV had de-molished BBC1's new epic drama Rhodes, which fell to 48 million against London's the Baby, featuring Nick Hancock. In the daytime battle a new three-times-a-week magazine show, Afternoon Live, is to be

presented by newcomer Bibi Baskin. Factual programmes will The Legacy of Reginald Per-rin 7.3 million. Mr Plantin said ITV had a include Class, an examina-tion of the British class sys-

tem by the makers of Holly-wood Women. six point strategy for 1997, in-volving more drama, special Customs, the Real Knock will recreate some of the bigcomedy and sport. gest operations by Custom and Excise.

Rantzen says her TV career is in jeopardy

STHER Rantzen fears that | day Telegraph "has put my her future with the BBC is | whole television career in at stake following criticism of jeopardy". ber journalistic methods, Mr Birt ordered an inquiry her journalistic methods,

into the row. Its findings are expected soon. The BBC said: writes Andrew Culf. In a confidential memoran-"Ms Rantzen gave her evi-dence to the inquiry on a condum to John Birt, the director general, she said the Panorama reporter John Ware fidential basis and had no article and made 12 detailed who attacked her in the Sun- | wish for it to be made public." | defences of the programme.

Mr Ware criticised Ms Rantzen for a programme in which hidden cameras were used to show that a braindamaged patient was alleg-edly being neglected in hospi-

tal. Ms Rantzen listed 11 alleged inaccuracies in the

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The Guardian Tuesday September 24 1996

Lack of money can seriously damage the health of those facing major surgery. David Hearst reports from Moscow 'If you asked me where I

Prices that break Russian hearts would operate on a relative or a

HREE prospective | you need to get in, don't you?" patients sat silently in the dark window-

less admissions room of the Scientific Centre of Surgery in Moscow, one of only four hos pitals in Russia where heart bypass surgery is regularly performed.

A doctor entered, his white coat creased and unbuttoned. As a member of the "medical commission" it is his job to decide who to admit. He walked towards a young man wearing a rich brown leather jacket. The man leapt to his feet, instinctively reaching for his back pocket. "No no", the doctor protested as a wad of 100,000 rouble notes in-stantly appeared. "Later,

Of course, you know what

mused one. "Remember that five-year-old we operated on? seid the man on his left, a factory boss from the Urals. mean how can you refuse 'Money.' an operation to a person "Do you think it was any brought in in an emergency?" different in the old days? she asked the assembled retorted a woman sitting in the corner, an accountant company. Very easily, judging by the stony looks of her colleagues. from Rostov-on-Don. 'You had to pay for everything. You had to pay even the nurse

before she would take away your urine sample, and everyone knew this." This is what the ordinary [about £20] a month. Russian faces on entering a medical centre for major

surgery. On the other side of the adfinanced only from the budget mission room's plain white door leading to the restricted of the Academy of Science. which is very small. Last winworld of medical treament, ter we were all sent on two month's unpaid leave." So that was it. If the pa-tients did not pay, the doctors three doctors and a nurse sat debating the rights and wrongs of private medicine.

did not get paid. Hence the ex-"We do do free operations," istence of a thick black file in the outpatients polyclinic containing a medical "menu" A consultation with a pro-fessor: 97,130 roubles; an electrocardiogram: 26,500 roubles. And a heart bypass opera-tion? The latest quoted price is between 28 million and 35 The subject soon turned to pay and conditions. "I have million roubles. As one heart surgeon who

worked here for 35 years and worked in the centre put it do you know what I get as a The price is a great wall separating a great part of the panurse - 160,000 roubles tients from the necessary The woman doctor beside her explained: "This centre is operation.' Gennady Vikhrev, another heart surgeon who has left

the centre and is free to speak, said: "According to the constitution, all medical care is free. But there's one small problem. There is no possibil-ity to get it free."

in heart surgery do not exist, but private beds do, costing 300,000 roubles a day. Moreover, if you are not from Mos cow, none of the four main Moscow hospitals is obliged to admit you, even though there is no other in the country where the operation is done regularly. For a surgeon like Mr Vikh-

rev, who has seen the opera-tion performed in the United States, this is the vital point, not the relative lack of computer technology or the incon-sistent supply of drugs in

Russia "The surgical team needs practise. The financial situation makes it more and more difficult for each team to have an operation each day. I a day, not where they are returned recently to the de-scrabbling from one opera-

Private clinics specialising partment where I used to tion to another, trying to keep n heart surgery do not exist, work. They were all sitting the show on the road. That nut private beds do, costing there idle. _____ means I would send them to a Western clinic.'

They had no money. They Boris Konstantinov, direchad no blood, because there is tor of the Scientific Centre of currently a real shortage of Surgery, has had a heart byblood from the Moscow transfusion stations, and this operation consumes an enor-mous amount of it. They did not have the drugs they needed and were using analogues to which they were not

accustomed. "Our surgeons' skills are not worse than the American ones. But if you asked me where I would operate on a close relative or a loved one, I would give you a clear answer. I would put him in a clinic where this operation is performed two or three times

pass operation. But he was operated on in Germany. The factory boss from the L'rals was not sure whether he was going to take the risk

of having the bypass. "I have had three heart attacks. You know my kidneys are weak,

I'm not sure. As for that man Yeltsin. "I heard this morning from think they." one of my doctors that the surgeons were refusing to op-erate on him. They say his erate on him. They say his him down? should put him down."

No one in the waiting room offered a word in protest.

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Fury at Yeltsin 'cover-up'

David Hearst in Moscow

ENNADY ZYUGANOV Russia's Communist leader, called on President Yeltsin to resign yester day, saying that the cover-up of his heart attack in the final days of the election campaign

amounted to fraud. "The elections were not fair," Mr Zyuganov said. His call was backed by Gennady Seleznov, the Communist Speaker of the State Duma, who said Mr Yeltsin should step down if doctors decided tomorrow that he was too ill

for an operation. When parliament meets next week the Communist faction, the largest in the Duma, has promised to table a longstanding proposal that a medical commission should judge the fitness of the president and all top state figures.

Both statements were nored on the state-run media and official news agencies, and the Kremlin maintained complete silence on the medical crisis for the second day running.

No one in power has com-mented on the revelation made four days ago by Professor Renat Akchurin, the sureon chosen to perform heartbypass surgery, that the sident's heart was dameed by a heart attack just before the second round of elections in July. There has been

a further report that he suffered a stroke and could work for only 15 mi ides a dav Junior presidential spokes men have maintained that everything is proceeding as normal. "All I can tell you is

advise the surgical team. An international congress on the history of cardiovascular surgery opens in Moscow today; in the absence of any official information from the Kremlin, the foreign participants are due to hold a press

conference. Tomorrow the "collegium" of Russian heart specialists will decide whether to operate on Mr Yeltsin. Little is known of how they will arrive at their decision or to whom they are responsible. They, too, are expected to hold a press conference.

The split among the Krem lin doctors widened when Prof Akchurin publicly criticised the medical team res ponsible for the president's day-to-day health, in particu-lar for letting Mr Yeltsin shoot and hunt at his lodge in Zavidovo with the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl.

"I saw Boris Nikolayevich [Yeltsin] two or three weeks ago. We have looked at results of his Zavidovo period. I can not say I was too pleased with the results. He was tiring himself by hunting, fishing. This is not something we can recommend for this sort of

patient' While the medical case for postponing the operation for up to two months may be quite clear to Prof Akchurin, the political consequences of being ruled by a lame duck are not.

Unless the doctors come out with a clear statement, pres sure will increase on Mr Yelf sin to sign a decree handing



that Michael Debakey has arrived," said one. The US cardiologist, father

over all his powers to his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. An opinion poll published in today's Izvestia found that 75 per cent of those asked be-

of the bypass technique, has lieved that Mr Yeltsin been asked by the Kremlin to in control of his post. lieved that Mr Yeltsin was not

Rebel Chechen fighters pose for a photograph with a former colleague, Amina, before her wedding ceremony in the capital Grozny at the weekend. The bride and her husband-to-be both fought in the rebel unit led by the Chechen field commander Shamil Basayev

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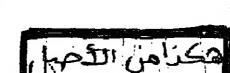
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West 'covering up mass fraud in Bosnian polls'

continued from page 1 in Bosnia for every eight poll-ing stations. "When the polls Briton named as land forces commander after I-For troops pull out | Based on the polling day ob-servations of international Conservatives' next candi-date to succeed him, details Jon Henley in Helsinki monitors, the document as-sumes an 80 per cent turnout, her bedroom romps with DRITAIN'S Lieutenant- | though he gets the job by | Nations, setting up its head- | taken. Whereas Britain General Roddy Cordy- | virtue of being deputy com- | quarters at Kiseljak. | provides about 1,200 people closed, about 70 per cent of HE first time she made her busband, Toivo, an the polling stations were provides about 1,200 people but concedes this "is probalove to her future hus-band, the bed broke. army officer. The tall and imposing fortotally unsupervised, and Simpson has been named as land forces commander in mander of Nato's central European headquarters — His early appointment will enable preparations for the Nato rapid reaction corps HQ — about 70 per cent of the total — the bly higher than the real turn-out". If 80 per cent of Bosnia's under control of the LECs (local election commissions)," Thirty-five years on, they are still rampantly at it — and the female Speaker of mer education minister Bosnia when and if Nato's Landcent — rather than as for the handover between voters had cast their ballots, with a no-nonsense reputa-tion writes to "Mr U" in 1996: "Thanks for a wonone Western observer said. commander of the rapid reaction force. Gen Cordy-Simpson, com-though most of the I-For Landcent headquarters in I-For peace implementation the maximum number of vot-There are serious discrepforce pulls out at the end of Germany contains only 240 the Finnish parliament has ers would have been 1.89 milancies across the country but the year, writes David Britons. lion - 600,000 less than the written a book to prove it. Riitta Uosukainen — the derful weekend, for all the the most egregious fraud apmissioned into the 13th/ 18th Royal Hussars in 1963, troops are expected to stay until December and no Gen Cordy-Simpson's chief of staff will be another actual number reported. Jonathan Steele adds: The Fairhall good loving. I submit to anpears to have been in Muslim-dominated areas. An OSCE In effect he will replace General Sir Michael "Betty Boothroyd" of Finother person only when has previously served in final decisions on their sucland — has sparked uproar with a book of imaginary British soldier, Major-Gen-European Institute for the making love. Take me source said that in central Sa-Walker in Sarajevo, al- Bosnia with the United cessors have yet been eral John Drewienkiewicz. Media, which monitored Bos-Ms Uosakainen's fellow rajevo alone, 30,000 votes ap pear to have been cast on be letters, Fluttering Flame. Its first run, of 17,000 copies, sold out in three nian television and radio parliamentarians have been outraged by the book. broadcasts throughout the half of dead or missing - 29 million - had been too | radically revises downwards ancies and if it can only be campaign, said "the fairness of the democratic process was by UN and Bosnian statistiwhich is equally blunt Muslims. The number of votexplained by fraud, then they low. Over the weekend the the war's death toll. It sugcians arrived at estimates days in a land where poliabout some of them. She de-scribes one MP as "a rattleers is also suspiciously high OSCE revised the figure upshould declare the elections gests there are 200,000 more from 2,936,000 to 2,957,000. seriously marred". tics are generally a sedate around the Muslim-held town The European Commission, which funded the media monwards to 3.2 million. suggestvoters now than in 1990. "It's as if nobody died at all On September 16, two days after the elections, a docunull and void." business, and the sexual freedom of nearby Sweden The OSCE argued yester-day there was no direct proof out of 96 per cent. snake", another as "a porkof Bihac in the north-west. The head of the Internaing a remarkably high turnbarrel politician". The Speaker has defended ment accepting these figures was approved and signed, by representatives of the OSCE, the UN, and the Natoled throughout the entire war," a itoring project, initially tried and Denmark has yet to be tional Crisis Group office in of fraud. Jeff Fischer, the The revised OSCE elector-UN analyst said. to soften its hard-hitting findfully accepted. Sarajevo, Sir Terence Clark, a former British diplomat, said her book, telling one newsorganisation's elections direcings and then vainly urged the institute to delay publica-tion of its report, a member of the team said. ate figure defies demographic Diplomats say the estimate paper: "There shouldn't be anything strange about a Ms Uosukainen, aged 54 former British diplomat, said yesterday: "We call on the OSCE to explain the discrep-mate for the total electorate logic. It makes allowance for new voters coming of age first put forward by OSCE ex-since the 1990 election, but perts in April. Three studies the highest-ranking politi-cian after President Martti peace implementation force in Bosnia, I-For. cian after President Martti middle aged woman enjoy-Ahtisaari and tipped as the ing herself". Socialists favour women CALLE & WIRELESS CONSIGNY News in brief MERCURY for 24 hours on October 17 to | tory in the south-east prov-A PUBLIC Challenge to ince of Guaviare, the authoripress for wage increases and liament only three are local federation in Nor-Socialists. Leftwing lead-ers, including François Mit-measure against his advice, election ban protest against government plans to reduce state pay-**Paul Webster in Paris** ties said yesterday. - Reuter. APOLOGY TO BT. **Aid workers flee** The former Bulgarian prime rolls. - Reuter. LMOST a third of terrand, often said they would introduce positive said: "It's much easier to minister Reneta Indzhova A Red Cross organisation flew Socialist Party candi-dates in France's next **Gunman's plea** give up a seat to a woman in a bus than in the national assembly." But some campaigners said yesterday she would appeal to the supreme court against the central electoral committee's refusal to registhree aid workers out of the SORRY. STILL The Turkish gunman who aleast Zairean town of Bukavu yesterday after heavy shelling by Rwanda. — Reuter. most killed the Pope in 1981, Ali Mehmet Agca, has asked Italy for a pardon from a life 20% CHEAPER 'It's much easier ter her for October's presiden-tial election because her runremain unsatisfied. "We **Peacekeepers hurt** must go even further. We to give up a sentence or a transfer to a jail ning-mate is still serving in the army. --- Reuter. seem to have been given the honour of going down with in Turkey, his lawyer said yesterday. — Reuter. Four UN peacekeepers from seat to a woman Brazil were wounded in Angola on Sunday when their vehicle hit a land mine in the flying colours against some of the most formidable Armenia result **Greek mandate** in a bus than rightwing leaders," said Yvette Roudy, a former women's rights minister. Meanwhile, all opposi-Armenia's president, Levon central province of Bie, the But at least 40 women are in the national state news agency Angop said فحمصصه

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general election will be women, following a weekend agreement reached de end agreement reached de-spite some male opposition. Some of the 164 female nominees will face power-ful rightwing leaders and have little chance of

likely to enter parliament in the March 1998 poll if the Socialists recover from their 1993 reverse, in which they lost more than 200 seats and retained only 53. Opinion polls suggest that the left should win back a majority in the 555-seat national assembly.

had to fight to get the measure through. A former prime minister, de la Gauche collapsed

assembly' discrimination, but the present Socialist Party first secretary, Lionel Jospin,

Of the 33 women in par- Laurent Fabius, whose nearly 20 years ago.

Ter-Petrosian, who won 57 per cent of the vote in the presidential election, claimed tion parties will meet on Thursday to prepare joint action against Jean-Marie Le Pen's far-right National a "brilliant victory" yester-day as the opposition claimed vote fraud and held a huge rally in Yerevan. - Reuter. Front. It will be the first summit Strike date

France's largest public sector workers yesterday to strike after a raid on a drug labora- September 13. - Reuter.

Colombian police and soldiers destroyed more than a tonne

unions urged 4 million state of cocaine and cocaine paste

The Greek prime minister, Costas Simitis, said yesterday he had received a mandate from the president, Costis Stehanopoulos, to form a Social-

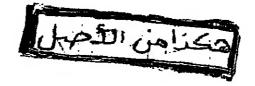
ist government for the next four years. - Reuter. **Drugs** haul

yesterday. -- Reuter.

Hopes raised

Austria's president, Thomas Klestil, regained conscious days on an artificial respira-tor, doctors said, lifting the secrecy around his illness since he entered hospital on

Speaker's creaking bedsprings cause Finnish MPs to groan



Treaty signing to end 50 years of nuclear tests

Ian Black in New York

ALF a century of nu-clear tests is due to end formally today when President Clinton leads the world's five declared nuclear powers in signing the Com-prehensive Test Ban Treaty at the United Nations. Mr Clinton will be the only head of state there to sign, but Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

eign Secretary, and his coun-terparts from France, China

terparts from France, China and Russia will follow him later in the day. Israel, with a known but undeclared offensive nuclear capability, will also sign. So will Iran, accused by Wash-ington of harbouring clandes-the nuclear ambitions. All Akbar Velayati, Iran's foreign minister, lashed out at the US in his UN sneech vesterlay in his UN speech yesterday for its "direct and indirect po-litical and technical support of one state [Israel]" in its nu-clear weapons programme. India and Pakistan - the other so-called "threshold

states" -- remain outside the treaty.

Legal complexities leave it in doubt whether the treaty ment to stop testing. In all, 44 states — including India which blocked it at the Gen-which blocked it at the Gen-states = the state of the state eva disarmament conference - have to ratify it before it missile.

takes effect and full verification can begin. But anti-nuclear groups are

by the big powers. Greenpeace called the sign-ing "an historic moment", co-

inciding with the organisa-tion's foundation 25 years ago in protest at nuclear testing by the United States off Alaska. Final agreement was reached at the United Nations two weeks ago when an over whelming majority of countries endorsed the treaty.

The US, Russia, China, France and Britain have already stopped testing, al-though Britain, which conducted its tests in the Nevada desert, was forced to by Mr Clinton's unilateral moratorium in 1992.

Today's ceremony has its origins in pressure from non-age caused by nuclear tests nuclear and non-aligned after the second world war,

French testing in the Pacific. Despite the loose ends, the treaty still has enormous value. "The moral force of sig-nature will create a norm of intermetional backgroup. nature will create a norm of international behaviour which we believe will ensure that the Chinese test in July 1996 will be the last nuclear test anywhere by anybody." said Thomas Graham, the US disarmament envoy. "It's an extremely good treaty." said Dan Plesch of

treaty," said Dan Plesch of the British American Security Information Council. "The chances of tests being banned for ever are very good indeed despite the continued

resistance of the nuclear establishments in every state, especially in Britain." The treaty bans all nuclear test explosions - there have been more than 2,000 since the first at Los Alamos, New Mexico, in July 1945. It will not make the further develop-ment of weapons impossible, but any development will be limited and of doubtful quality.

Some analysts complain

that nuclear establishments only agreed to the treaty be-cause they now have sophisticated computer simulation

Mr Plesch disagreed. "It is a grave exaggeration to de-scribe this as a fraud, that it is just putting testing into Bit and-futciear groups are is just putting testing into hailing it as a landmark in computers. Computers are the history of arms control and environmental protection which, they say, could hasten moves towards disarmament bit discussion of the said.

Diplomatic conventions state that nothing should undermine an international treaty waiting to come into force. So states will have given a legally-binding com-miment once they sign the agreement. Diplomats say the likely way forward is a pro-cess that will allow the treaty starker than on to enter into force without

agreement by India. But the danger is that without a binding treaty, the big powers may be tempted to in-voke national interest and resume tests to upgrade their

coalition government. His in-

fluence was apparent yester

"The Congress is facing a

arsenals. • The Marshall Islands appealed yesterday for international help to deal with dam-

An Israeli soldier discovers a window of opportunity in the Old Wall in east Jerusalem Divided by a wall of silence The east-west rift in is to see another side to Families strolled in the vigilantes. Yom Kippur: an awesome middle of Hebron Road, Bicycles, however, are Jerusalem is never discipline, unity, single-mindedness. It is also the OK in the sight of the Lord. And rollerblades. Yom Kip-pur is a wonderful day for normally a torrent of motorised halfwits. day when the city's div-isions are laid bare. It started, this year, at Men hunched in prayer kids to whizz around

Yom Kippur, writes **Derek Brown** sunset to sonset.

ALKING home from work in Je-rusalem is al-W W ways a pleasure. The route is splendid: through the ancient Mamilla burial ground, skirting the Jaffa Gate and fairytale

shawls strode towards the Western Wall, and from synagogues grand and humble rose the steady 1.58pm on Sunday. All Jewish holy days — indeed all days in the Hebrew calenchant of worship. Throughout the city, or at least its western half, Jews, der - are measured from

quietness of Yom Kippur. You don't even have to turn the telly off: though all Is-Long before then, the rausome permanently plous and others only occasion-ally so, fasted and prayed. raeli broadcasts are stopped, the cable people keep on pumping dozens of cous clamour that is the usual condition of the streets of Jernsalem had Or, in the case of the latter, dwindled and died. A few closed their doors and winchannels into the homes of the unobservant. But it is

Drivers daft enough to take to the road

WORLD NEWS 7

World news in brief

Korean submarine claim cuts no ice

THE United States defence secretary, William Perry, yesterday rejected North Korea's claim that its submarine which foun-dered off South Korea last week was on a routine training

dered off South Korea last week was on a routine training mission, but he called on Seoul and Pyongyang to calm down. "All our evidence suggests this submarine was not on a routine mission. I would reject Pyongyang's explanation," he said at the end of a visit to Sweden. North Korea yesterday said that the submarine drifted on to rocks after engine failure. It demanded the return of the vessel and crew, including the bodies of the dead. Seoul insists it was a military inclursion. military incursion. The drama began last Wednesday when an estimated 26

North Koreans came ashore on the east coast near Kangnung. Southern forces killed nine intruders, found the bodies of 11 believed to have been killed by their own colleagues, captured one North Korean alive and lost three of their men. One civilian was killed accidentally as the South hunted five North Koreans still believed to be on the loose.

The North's statement said the submarine carried only small arms, but the South Korean joint chief of staff said a rocket launcher had been found on board.

Seoul's parliament adopted unanimously a resolution con-demning the North and also urged the United Nations Security Council to take action. - Reuter, Seoul

End of the road for Lamour

DOROTHY LAMOUR, the Hollywood star known for her portrayals in the 1930s and 1940s of exotic South Sea heroines wrapped in the silk sarong that became her trademark, died on Sunday in her

Los Angeles hone at the age of 81. A dark-haired Louisiana beauty who did not actually see the South Seas until she was almost 70, Lamour was a veteran of about 60 films. She was also the love interest and straight-faced

about 60 tilms. She was also the love interest and straight-faced foil to Bob Hope and Bing Crosby in their seven "road" comedies. In later years she toured in Hello Dolly and had occasional theatre and singing engagements. In 1960, she wrote a largely unrevealing autobiography. My Side of the Road, Later in the 1960s she went on a nostalgic one woman tour, "bringing back heapy memories" to be a original fame. — Los <u>Angeles Times</u>. happy memories" to her original fans. - Los Angeles Times. Obituary, page 10

Battle 'claims 200 Tamils'

SRI LANKAN troops killed or wounded more than 200 Tamil Tiger rebels in their first major push against the guerrillas in more than a month, a military spokesman said yesterday. But the rebels fought hard against troops who have advanced to within three miles of their northern Kilinochchi stronghold. At least 30 government soldiers were killed.

The rebels yesterday ambushed an army patrol in Batticaloa, killing five soldiers, said the spokesman. Western aid workers near the battleground reported that shell-

ing and bombing heard since Sunday had stopped by last night. The Tigers, fighting for an independent homeland, accused the troops of attacking civilians. --- Reuter, Colombo.

Sudan accused of bomb raid

Sudanese government warplanes bombed a town in northern Uganda on Sunday but there were no immediate reports of asualties, aid workers said yesterday.

The attack dealt a blow to an agreement mediated this month by Iran to end disputes between Uganda and Sudan, which accuse each other of supporting rebel groups.

"Two Sudanese MiGs came over on Sunday and dropped around 10 bombs," said an aid worker who declined to be named Not all fell on Moyo and we have no reports of casualties. BBC monitoring services said Ugandan authorities accused Sudan of launching the raid on Moyo, about 12 miles south of Uganda's border with Sudan. The government in Kampala accused Khartoum of sending warplanes to bomb northern Uganda several times last year. — *Rader, Nairobi*. best to draw the curtains.

Santer backs transport plan

THE EUROPEAN Commission president, Jacques Santer, is to ress European Union finance ministers to produce a plan for

increasing spending on road and rail links between European member countries, a Commission spokesman said yesterday.

At an informal meeting of EU finance ministers in Dublin last weekend the ministers seemed unbappy with the scheme, which would require them to put aside 1 billion ecus (£840 million) for 14

Trans-European Networks. The projects include high-speed trains between Paris and Cologne and between Frankfurt and London, plus motorways in

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NDIA'S Congress Party turned to a faithful retainer last night to replace P. V. Narasimha Rao as leader after the former prime minister resigned as party chief in advance of a criminal trial.

leader," said Sudhakarao Naik, the former chief minister of Maharashtra state. The choice of Mr Kesri, who has Mr Rao's approval, Congress rebels had hoped to select a leader who could rather than the other likely

rejuvenate the party, which has watched its northern contender - the southerner A.K. Antony, who is seen as untainted by corruption alle-gations — is unlikely to deheartland wither into an electoral desert. But the choice of the party treasurer, the septu-agenarian Sitaram Kesri, inprive Mr Rao of his influence. Congress rebels seized on

Delhi depicts Mr Rao

lier this year.

dicates that Mr Rao still wields considerable influence in the party. Mr Kesri, who is from the Hindi-speaking northern

state of Bihar, appeared to ac-cept his unexpected elevation to interim party president with the customary coyness of Indian politicians. "There are better leaders than me in the Congress," he told reporters before the executive meeting at Mr Rao's house which to choose the new chief.

But he added: "I have no problem accepting the respon-sibility if it is thrust on me." Mr Kesri will be a tempo-rary president pending the election of a new chief by a plenary committee, which is expected to meet next month. Mr Rao announced his de-parture as party president on Saturday after a judge or-dered him to stand trial on

dered him to stand trial on charges of swindling about £65,000 from a British-based pickle manufacturer. Mr Rao's five years in power were plagued by allega-tions of corruption, and he may yet face charges in a vote-buying scandal and a dirty tricks operation against a former prime minister. The party's reputation for corrupto third place. party's reputation for corrup-tion was pivotal in its humiliation in elections last May, which ended an era in which the Congress ruled India as if by virtual right. Mr Rao, who for months

remained unperturbed by the demands of Congress rebels and newspaper critics for his resignation, has not surrendered completely.

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As Congress leader in the house, he retains the power to spent most of his career in dislodge H. D. Deve Gowda's non-elected upper house. And thence via Rebron Road to Abu Tor, with its

peerless panorama of the city, and finally the view of Government House, the cars scuttled along empty roads, but shops were seat of power in British times, on the bluff called in Arabic "The Hill of Evil mostly shuttered by noon and there was a palpable silence. At the determined

hour the great siren atop Counsel". On one day of the year, the walk is more than pleasant — it is a moving. the Russian Quarter sound-ed, and the last semblance of normality evaporated. Jerusalem is not a ghost town on Yom Kippur, far slightly eerie experience. That day is just done. It was from it. But the virtual ab-sence of traffic brings an af-

Yom Kippur. Many non-Jews know the Day of Atonement is a solday when party leaders called for him to stay on. fecting tranquillity. On Sunday evening, small chil-dren played bappily in the middle of King David emn affair, a day when the crisis. We will persuade Rao to withdraw his resignation. observant make amends for their sins against God, when even the secular Street, where on every ant enough to take to the ital for ever. But it is divid-panse for reflection. But to other day the traffic is road on Yom Kippur run a ed, and for ever is a long be a non-Jew in Jerusalem locked in a snarling mass. risk of being stoned by time, even on Yom Kippur. Otherwise Kesri is a good

risk being stoned by vigilantes. But

bicycles are OK in the eyes of the Lord

dows and got on with the evening meal. There is, it must be said, an element of coercion, along with a

pinch of hypocrisy. Motorised traffic is considered a desecration of the religious law against work. symbolised by the lighting of fires. (Emergency and se-curity force vehicles are exempt). Most foreigners as well as Israelis respect the custom and keep their cars at home. But there is another incentive to confor mity: drivers daft or defi-

Dhaka judges deliver

direct orders of Begum Zia

Her sons and brothers

amassed huge wealth during

her five-year rule, allegedly using her influence to build shipping and textile empires.

Despite the court decision

which was widely expected, independent observers say

Begum Zia's personal and po-litical problems are far from

when she was in power.

or drink - or even carry food. For some Israelis, the only sensible approach to Yom Kippur is to leave Jerusalem for a less pious place. Tourists and foreign residents have an easier op-tion: to nip over to the city's east side.

Can't be too careful. It's deemed bad form to

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safely. You needn't be a believer

to appreciate the blessed

For the line across Jerusalem - between the occupiers and occupied — is never more apparent than on Yom Kippur. On one side, silence and fasting; on the other, business as usual - and lunch. The hum of Palestinian traffic on the east side penetrates the stillness of the west.

Israelis insist Jerusalem will be their undivided cap-ital for ever. But it is divid-

over as prime minister in June. He threatened to immo-bilise the capital, Dbaka, as

soon as charges were laid. Sheikh Hasina responded

that the law had to be allowed

"The anti-corruption bureau has been given full au-thority so that it can function

to take its own course.

Greece, Spain and Portugal. Mr Santar believes the links could reduce Europe's 11 per cent unemployment rate, but Germany, Britain, France and the Neth-erlands are opposed. — *Reuter, Brussels*.

Warm welcome for Cubans

EIGHT Cubans relaxed in deck chairs and enjoyed snacks brought to them by Florida residents when they landed in Miami Beach yesterday after more than two days at sex in a wooden boat from Cuba, police said

A security guard spotted the five men and three women coming ashore in Miami's most fashionable district. "He told them to wait for us to arrive," said detective Alfred Boza. "We found them sitting on beach chairs."

People on the beach and residents brought them coffee, water,

food, blankets and clothes. The refugees, who included a married couple, were aged between 18 and 40. They said they had left the town of Sagua La

Grande early on Saturday. They were handed over to the border patrol while it is decided

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respite for Begum Zia whether they will be granted asylum. — Reider, Miami. Bank. The money is said to Begum Zia and her associates have been granted on the are likely to be charged soon. But Begum Zia's Bangla-desh National Party has said **Travel as many** the move was politically motivated, designed to tarnish her image. Sadek Hossain, a fortimes as you mage. Safek Hossahl, a for-mer minister and chief of Dhaka City BNP, publicly warned that any attempt to implicate "our beloved leader" would bring disaster for Sheikh Hasina, who took

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Ferit Demir in Tunceli

P TO 20,000 Turkish troops, backed by air power, launched a huge drive yesterday against Kurdish rebels in the remote mountains of eastern Turkey. Military officials said about 250 Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) rebels were cornere in a forest near the Ahvanos valley in the remote mountains of the province of

A banner outside the Congress office in New six Kurdish fighters in the clashes and arrested one, villagers near the fighting said. There was no word of casual-

his departure as an opportu-nity to clean up the party's image and win back Muslim and Dalit voters in the Hindi-"Three Super Cobra heli-copters and three warplanes bombed the area by noon, speaking heartland, where the party has been relegated relying on information that the PKK was gearing up to ambush patrols in the area."

to third place. Those chances appear to have receded. As party trea-surer, Mr Kesri can be ex-pected to have had some idea of the haucala, the money laundering scandal concern. military official said. Helicopters had been shut-tling reinforcements into the rugged terrain since early laundering scandal, concern-

vesterday. "The bombardment is con-tinuing. High numbers of PKK militants are cornered." ing political fundraising which claimed more than a dozen Congress ministers earthe military official said. More than 20,000 people have been killed in the region

Mr Kesri is a member of the newly empowered lower since the 12-year conflict castes and is not known as a charismatic leader. He has spent most of his career in the began in 1984. The fighting has often spilled into northern Iraq. — Reuter.

Arshad Mahmud in Dhaka OVERNMENT moves against Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's main op-position leader and former prime minister, faltered briefly yesterday when the high court ordered the prose-

cution to reveal all the evi-dence against two of her close relatives who have been charged with corruption. A two-judge bench granted two months' bail to her son. Tarek Rahman, her brother. retired Major Syed Iskandar, and Gyasuddin Mamun, a business associate, and said that all the papers relating to the cases filed against them by the Bureau of Anti-Corrup-tion (BAC) had to be pre-sented to the court within two

months. Begum Zia's son and brother were formally charged with taking illegal

oans totalling 170 million ta-

over. She and almost a dozen of her former cabinet ministers face charges of corruptly receiving kick-backs on multi-million-dollar contracts awarded to foreign companies. According to news reports, the BAC has completed more than a dozen cases against Begum Zia. It is not clear when she and her colleagues

independently, and it no longer requires the prime minister's clearance for probhigh places." she said last week. During Begun Zia's ten-ure, the BAC needed approval will be charged, but the cases against her son and brother are seen as a test for Sheikh Hasina's government. Since kas (£2.5 million) from the they sparked no widespread from the prime minister to government-owned Sonali public demonstrations, move against such people.

As the immediate source of the story on Harold Pinter and Joan Bakewell, I feel a little battered myself.

Michael Billington

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Talking and bombing Yesterday's raids need not stall the peace talks

NO ONE will ever know who they are. but there are people alive this morning who would have been killed by the IRA this week had the police not done what they did yesterday. Scotland Yard claims that their raids on IRA suspects in west London and Sussex added up to the most significant preventive action ever taken against terrorists in this country. Claims of this kind do not always withstand the test of time and hindsight, but there seems little initial reason to dispute the truth of this one. The operation yielded a terrifying arsenal of explosives. If they had been successfully detonated, as similar bombs already have been in London and Manchester this year, there is little doubt as to what damage would have been done. This was an operation whose purposes seem to have been wholly necessary and beneficial.

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Yet relief is the easy bit. Yesterday's raids also raise wider questions about the IRA's intentions, and have inevitable implications for developments in Northern Ireland. At first sight, all those questions are gloomy ones. Faced with yesterday's haul of weaponry and explosives, the natural conclusion is that the IRA remains absolutely committed to the terrorist strategy to which it returned when it ended the ceasefire in February. The prudent judgment, faced with Canary Wharf, Manchester and yesterday's might-have-been (as well as earlier ones) is that the "armed struggle" is fully resumed. From this it must also follow that any non-violent republican initiatives (like Gerry should be strongly supported. At the Adams's autobiography and the ritual Sinn Fein protestations about wishing to re-enter the peace process) are either lies or irrelevances. Either way, the IRA's continuing campaign, whether successful or not, would seem to exclude all possibility of serious dialogue future.

As ever, there are alternative ways of looking at the evidence. Some observers claim that the twin track tactics of republican politicians and terrorists are not coordinated at all, that they are proof at least of erratic decision-making within the republican movement and possibly that Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness do not control the entire republican movement. These are not stupid theories, and there is some evidence to support them (anyone who knows how and why the police were tipped off about the IRA's latest operation would be in a good position to make a judgment about that). But there is not enough evidence, at least not yet. Yesterday's events make a more ingenious interpretation more difficult and less credible, but they do not entirely rule it out. They simply mean that people everywhere are going to take a bit more persuading now than before

that it is serious. Much therefore depends on the Northern Ireland talks, which are now at a tantalising and delicate moment. The two main political parties, the Unionists and the SDLP, appear quite close to what would be an important agreement on the talks agenda. If they were able to agree on a three-strand agenda, and on how to deal with weapons decommissioning, then the log-jam afflicting the talks since June would probably be broken, and the incentive for Sinn Fein to get involved on the only terms available to them would increase. Such possibilities weekend, in a little noticed but significant move, Britain (Michael Howard, no less) transferred three IRA prisoners to serve their sentences in the Irish Republic. Such things do not happen lightly, and they are a reminder that the inevitable and proper first reaction with Sinn Fein for the foreseeable to an event like yesterday's raids does not necessarily tell the whole story.



Letters to the Editor Of sex, sin and the Bishop

F COURSE I shall pray for Jeremy Hardy (A two years ago. I know that the wing, a prayer and atmosphere in which I was wing, a prayer and quick fix, September 21), as I trained made a mature, con-

hope he will for me. if he wants to. But what Hardy celibacy impossible. wants is the puzzle. Does he really want the Roman Catholics less repressive and the Anglicans less bland, so that those who seek "elevation and comfort" might safely opment was frozen, or even pushed back to a pre-pubestake out membership? Or does he want us all as obscucent stage. The crucial issue of what it rantist or insipid as possible. is actually like to forgo physi-

so that our cultured despisers can carry on despising? cal expression of one's sexual-Hardy quotes Marx approvity was never once addressed ingly on religion as the opium of the people, but I think in a course of six years. The church contains a con-

Marx also said that religion carried the cry of the oppressed and was the heart of a heartless world. (Dr) Robert Titley. All Saints' Vicarage.

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HIS past week, in several places, I have been invit-Forbury Road. Reading RG1. the rebuilding of lives". From Such prayer contradicts

As one who was ordained whom she quotes so lovingly | celibacy. Have these women two years ago. I know that the --- chiefly rose to fame as the no will power? Are they un-atmosphere in which I was apparatchik chosen by Rome able to say "No"? to suppress this "heresy" and invent the primacy of "origi-

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siderable number of therapists prepared to offer their skills to rescue the situation. MacPhee

It is vital that those responsible for clergy formation swallow their pride and accept the help available. (Rev) Alan Hartnell. St James's Presbytery.

LICE Thomas Ellis (Why my tastes remain strictly BM CSSA. Catholic. September 21) wrongly believes "liberalism" to be a modern Catholic phenomenon. Its first promulgator was the fourth century English monk Pelagius, and

able to say "No"? Mary Fowell. Ross Way, Eltham SE9.

OANNA Whibley went to Roderick Wright for sup-port and counselling at the break-up of her marriage. He chose to engage her in a sex-ual relationship. She went for courselling, she came away with a child. He has done the same with Kathleen Roderick Wright used his without

position of priest, which brings power and status, to manipulate vulnerable women. Worse, the church fails to name this for what it is: clergy sexual abuse of adults. gross professional misconduct. Margaret Kennedy.

Co-ordinator, Christian Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

London WC1N SXX THE women in this case appear to be getting an undue amount of sympathy. Put a ceiling on house prices N the "bidding" for the young vote at the next elec-

tion nothing is going to beat a firm promise to do something about house prices. Particu-larly for first-time buyers and especially if prices are again at the point of "take-off".

ATHER John Buckley (Letters, September 19) Present prices are outside all reason and make a nonpresents the church as a bea-con of stability in a world of falling standards. In fact the sense of the contention that we are enjoying a higher stan-dard of living. We would be if house prices had kept in step with general price rises since Second Vatican Council moved the goalposts when it upgraded married life as an equal commitment to God alongside the religious life and priestly celibacy. the war. But they haven't. They've taken flight on their own. And for no justifiable The result was that hun-It cannot be right that to day's first-time buyer has to pay the equal of four years' dreds of nuns left to get married and celibacy was left stranded as merely a law

ideological salary to buy the sort of house underpinning. Thus the priest who falls in his forebears of 20-30 years ago bought for one year's pay love has to choose between a in the same sort of job. notional assent given to celi-It isn't sky high wage in creases among building work-ers that have brought this bacy in immaturity and the about. Nor a sudden scarcity of raw materials. One way and another it has been a rip-Laubendorf Millstatt A 9872, off over the years. A promise to put a stop to it would cheer WHY does Canon Law take precedence over the advice of St Paul - "It is our young folk no end. Be better to marry than to burn" (I Corinthians Ch 7 \vee 8).

cause they are carrying the can. Except for those inheriting a cheaply bought house from their parents. The way out for many who

wish to own their own home is to send the wife or partner

***** A virtue unable to speak its name

Politicians ignore it but tactical voting may swing the election

SURPRISINGLY little has been heard | that sparked angry exchanges yesterabout tactical voting over the last few day, provoking Menzies Campbell, one years. The excitements and detailed of the party's least tribal MPs, to disspeculation that the idea used to pro- | tance himself from the proposal. it was first seriously voke v 010 pounded in the run-up to the 1987 general election have ebbed away recently. Yet while tactical voting may not be such a fashionable subject in the media any longer, it has quietly become one of the facts of modern political life on an enemy of the cause. As Lord Rodgers increasingly wide scale. The longer the Conservatives have remained in office, the more voters have become ruthless in shifting their votes to the party most likely to oust them in a given constituency. Tactical voting dominates all byelections, and plays a growing part in national elections. Speaking at the Guardian's fringe meeting at the Liberal Democrat conference yesterday, Lord Rodgers put the issue firmly back on today's agenda. In a powerful speech, the former member of the SDP Gang of Four called on Liberal Democrat voters to vote Labour at the next general election if the Labour candidate in their local constituency stands a better chance of defeating the Conservative. He also called on Tony Blair — if Labour wins an outright majority in the election — to govern with the LibDems whether the parliamentary numbers require such an accommodation or not. The latter possibility, if it came to pass, would be the most revolutionary event in the decade of the Liberal Democrats' existence. But it was the tactical voting call determine the outcome of the election.

Party activists of any kind hate facti cal voting, as many of them made clear at Brighton. Party activists exist to campaign for their own party, not someone else's, especially when that someone else is seen as a lifelong acknowledged, all party candidates should campaign to win; what he failed to make explicit was that voters should only vote for them if they were going to defeat the Conservatives. For a party politician to make such a proposal is remarkable. What was surprising was

ing prayer "for the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland, for the healing of wounds and an Anglican priest, voluntarily celibate, more than that would have been impertinent. Jeremy Hardy's nasty fabrication of a C of E rubbing its so effective were his teach. They know that Catholic hands with glee at our sister ings that St Augustine — priests have taken a vow of

sidered option for life-long nal sin". I recall a claustrophobic, John Fletcher. virtually all-male environ-ment, where students were infantilised in the interests of discipline. Emotional devel-

not that there was such indignation in this activist audience, but that there was so little.

Yet that is because, deep down, these activists know that tactical voting is here to stay for as long as the Conservatives remain in power. The 17 years of Tory rule have rightly stimulated an immense readiness among many voters to subordinate their first preference to the need to defeat the Conservatives. Few politicians admit that tactical voting takes place. Fewer still can bring themselves to endorse it. Yet tactical voting it is a genuine expression of a current in public opinion which party politics cannot articulate. It shows every sign of growing in strength (though there is also an anti-Labour tactical vote out there), and it may even

All wired up but nothing to pay

Commerce has found it impossible to colonise the Net

electronic newspapers to video clips are worried their staff are wasting time "surfing the Net" instead of working, according to a report published yesterday. You have to feel sorry for corporations. They are all piling into the Net because they think - quite rightly that it will change the world as we now | being a Utopian economy where most know it, but hardly any are making products are free. Instead of commerce money. Now it appears they are not only losing money in the front garden (products they put on the Net but can't charge for) but also in their backyards million copies of the Netscape browser as employees browse in company time.

The reason according to Nathan Myhrvold, a top executive at Microsoft, is simple: content is chasing customers and not vice versa. He writes in the new issue of the Microsoft-funded electronic | in the official figures as a result of the magazine, Slate, published on the Net | information revolution. It might be suryesterday. Microsoft would like to prised by the answer.

COMPANIES hooked up to the Internet | charge for the magazine but meets cus-- the world-wide network of computers | tomer resistance. As Dr Myhrvold says, enabling users to access anything from why pay for stuff on the Net when a million free sites are a mere click away?

But what is bad news for corporations is a joy for free-loading punters. Against strong commercial pressures the Internet has (so far) maintained the philosophy of its founding fathers by colonising the Net, the reverse has happened. Products have — enforcedly - been given away free ranging from 30 software to hundreds of newspapers. When the US Federal Reserve meets today to decide whether interest rates should go up it should ask whether inflation is being heavily exaggerated

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AN irritating aspect of the Roderick Wright affair has been the platitudinous comment by certain senior clerics about the miraculous improvements which have, supposedly, been made to the training of Catholic priests.

Style file

Some years ago I too in-dulged in an exercise to improve my public image (Real value of the £60m squiggles, September 19). I gave my rusty old Capri a respray in a subtle shade of paint called "Rootes mid-grey

Over the next few weeks I had a series of small motoring incidents which led me to wonder whether my driving skills were deteriorating. Eventually I realised what was wrong. I had camouflaged my car. On grey or rainy days it was overlooked for a split second longer than other, brighter vehicles.

Most public service organi-sations know this and paint their dust carts, fire engines etc yellow or red accordingly. Not so the person responsible for re-designing the BT corporate identity. Not only did he create the

repulsive torch bearer logo, but also involved BT in a multi-million pound operation to respray their entire fleet from bright, eye-catching yellow to exactly the same

colour as my old Capri. Conversations with BT en ineers confirm that from that day, the number of acci-dents involving BT vehicles went up significantly. Martin Knight. Southfield Road. Much Wenlock.

WALLY Olins describes the BT logo as "the prancing pooter". Not so. It is, as Clive James pointed out, 'an hermaphrodite perform ing fellatio". Michael Frost.

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Complaint cut to the quick

T was very pleasing to read | learning and experience. He (Letters, September 19) of owes this to today's over-Roger Ward's solidarity with worked college lecturers, and those in the further education to the hundreds of former colsector. His description of leagues who view this from the outside. having taken funding cuts in recent years is very accurate, and one hopes that in his new role as their skills and experience elsewhere. Chief Executive of the Associ-ation of Colleges he will plead Richard Ingham. Greenroyd House this desperate case as he vis-81 Agbrigg Road, its each party conference. Sandal Magna, Those holding education briefs in the major parties

Wakefield Yorkshire WFI 5AB, will of course recognise the

same Roger Ward who has single-handedly brought de-FTER three years of con-Aniving with the governspair, division and the lowest ment to drive down lecturers' pay and at the same time forc-ibly to extract "efficiency possible morale into further ducation. His introduction of new unnegotiated lecturer gains" from them, it ill becontracts in order to fulfil the hoves Roger Ward to comgovernment cutbacks he now plain about the current plight of further education funding. claims to oppose, has led to disaffection on an enormous It is he who helped con-vince the government that scale (he refers to this as "effi-ciency" and "productivity"). I wish Mr Ward well in his further education can be run on the cheap.

endeavours to reverse a trend which has already resulted in Jane Abramson 20 Belvedere Avenue. lost generation of student Leeds LS17 8BW.

Sport hand-outs had flying start

OUR report (Poor hope of | (£18m to date with 222 I rich pickings, September 13) fails to inform your readawards) because it has consistently put forward good appli-cations that meet our defined ers of the reality of the Lot-tery Sports Fund. You criticise our Priority Areas Initiative (PAI) as havcriteria. Cricket, at local club level, has made the second highest number of applica-tions to date behind football ing been "a long time com-ing". It was in fact devised within three months of the Lottery Sports Fund's first award in March 1995 and (£21m with 228 awards). Both with their emphasis on youth development, meet the leading criteria — that of launched in December 1995 equity of access and public following extensive consultabenefit. tion with the relevant local authorities. It has been well Your list of Lottery Sports Awards excludes the Awards excludes the two highest beneficiaries of LSF awards to date, namely swimreceived and is already hav ing an impact in the areas for which is was designed. The implication that the ming (over £60m) and multisports facilities (over £56m). Derek Casey. success of cricket is due to its support by the Prime Minis-ter and Sports Minister is un-fair. Cricket has been a major Chief Executive Sports Council 16 Upper Woburn Place, recipient of Lottery funds | London WC1H 0QP.

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woman he loves.

Austria.

Charles Southwood.

ERHAPS the rules of chess should be revised to include another piece - the Pope, which would move in mysterious ways to block any diagonal transgression of the Bishop. Dave Lucas.

Surely the precepts handed

down by a father of your

church are of greater import

than the laws made by a medi-

Hornsey Lane, London N6.

Ringing off THE use of mobile phones with an external ringing sound can be banned under the Noise Abatement Act (Letters. September 20). Alternatives are: Users could be forced to wear an earpiece similar to that used on police radios, thus diverting the noise

direct to the individual's cranium: Mobiles could be fitted with a vibrator alarm, similar to that used on pagers. This would attract the owner's attention only, while providing new meaning to the expression "give me a buzz." John Ballyn. 39 Mansfield Gardens, Didcot OX11 9RW.

A Country Diary

THE ESTEREL: At this time | They take you up into scrubof year, and in this place, you can normally tell the date acland, the fringe of one of the little mountains, too sheer can normally ten the wallows. They colonise every inch of the ledges on sea-side build-edge of the Mediterranean. the ledges on sea-side build-ings, pausing, exactly accord-ing to schedule, for a few days' respite on the Cote d'Azur. before flying on south to winter in Action Through gaps in the thicket of twisted and gnarled tree trunks, as the zig zag track winds upwards, you begin to to winter in Africa. But it is now well past their date, and catch sight of a broader view of the coast and the way in-land. Promontories of red they have not arrived. Have they unaccountably taken anrock jut into the sea and divother route? A resident of 25 ide sheltered inlets. Behind them are patches and strips of years has never known them to be so late. Nor has she seen such high tides. It is charac-teristic of this coast that the tides move on average, only some 10 inches But time last lowland, once farmed, but now turned mainly to commercial uses. We could see golf courses, apartment some 10 inches. But twice last blocks, an airfield and a hy-permarket between our week. after windy nights, white waves have leapt over sea-walls, and elegant, striped mountain and the spectacular peaks and ridges of the "massea-wans, and elegant, su peu sun loungers have been scat-tered on the beach amongst stf". Grotesque prickly pears thrive on the rocky slopes, heaps of flotsam. Away from and mimose is abundant, though not now in flower. the beaches and the smart marina where there was once a fishing harbour. a steep path behind the post office leads to a long flight of an-From a ruined Roman fort at the top of the mountain we could follow the famous coastline to Cap d'Antibes cient, broken stone steps. JOHN VALLINS

right when it didn't used to be Frank Whitehouse. Hartwell, Jumble Lane.

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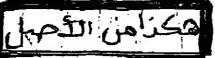
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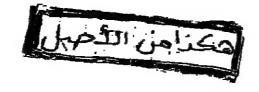
Express post

N his remarks on Sue Dong-las and the Sunday Express (Guardian Media, September 16) Roy Greenslade says: "The paper was in free fall on her arrival". Nonsense. The decline had been arrested and sales were looking to go up when I left the editorship of

the paper. Free fall? The last ABC figures for when I was editor (published in Guardian Media in January) at 1.332,194 showed a month on month fall of only 0.05 per cent — or just 710 copies. This was in a month when Sunday papers taken as a whole were down 138,513. Despite restricted budgets, the paper had bucked the trend, steadied itself, and was on the way up. This was thanks to a great team — many of whom were later fired by Ms Douglas. Brian Hitchen. Keeper's Lodge, Shoreham, W Sussex







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Martin Labour's NEC due tomorrow to lay to rest the vexed matter of Leeds North East,

this seems the perfect time for a brief recap of the af-fair. The candidate who didn't make it is Liz Davies. the leftwing lawyer from Is lington who was deselected partly, and most damag-ingly, over the claim that she incited a violent mob at a council meeting — a claim for which the three councillors who made it apologised last week in the High Court. The candidate to be confirmed by the NEC tomorrow, meanwhile, is the Blairite Leeds council-

lor Fabian Hamilton. When the Guardian reported his unfortunate business career - one that includes several bankrupt graphicdesign firms and numerous failures to file accounts -Mr Hamilton wrote, point-ing out that he has done nothing illegal or immoral - something the DTI will doubtless soon confirm. Of seven county court debt judgements against him, one, laid in March this year, is for £1,686 of unpaid personal tax. So we wish Mr Hamilton all the best with the Tory marginal. Perhaps, who knows, there may be a place for him in Gordon Brown's Treasury team.

REPARING his script for a Newsnight item last week on the day the story broke, Jeremy Paxman described Bishop Roderick Wright as "one of Scotland's leading left-footers". Naturally, he removed the jokey line long before he went on air - but not, alas, before the script had reached the Ceefax subtitles office, as the number of complaints from deaf Cath-

olics confirms.

AM intrigued by an Inde-pendent interview with actor Christopher Ecconfirm his age as 32, Mr Ecclestone refuses to discuss anything else, however impersonal. For example, asked by Robert Crampton what his father did for a living, he replies: "No, I won't give it to you. I'm not pre-pared to do it. Forget it." Since Mr Ecclestone clearly has a problem with this, the Diary wishes to collate the biographical detail, so that future interviewers need not torment him. So if you knew Mr Ecclestone in Manchester, at school or drama school or as a friend

The offer Ashdown won't refuse

Commentary the moral is to be seen quite clearly in other parts of his Blair has reformed the

Labour Party, but remains deeply scornful of party seen as tribe, which is the way most British politicians see it. The HIS Liberal Democrat party is an instrument, but also a terrible confinement.

conference may be the last of its kind. We are What drives Blair is movepresent at what could ment politics: the ethical, reformist, progressive ideal which, he is convinced, speaks soon be a museum piece. But the party members attending in Brighton seem insufficently to a majority of the British. In aware of the historic moment this the Liberal Democrats, on whom he has never emptied in which they are perhaps par-ticipating. Before the autumn even the cheapest small-change of disrespect, are natu-ral partners. In private conritual begins next year, they may have received an offer to may have received an offer to become a party of government. And their leaders may have accepted it. If that happens, next year's gathering at East-bourne will be utterly unlike the exercise in painless pleas-antry and pious self-regard . that the Lib Dem conference has recently become. versation, he has made clear to more than one of my ac-quaintances that he would be very happy to have Paddy Ashdown and Menzies Camp-bell in his cabinet, especially if Labour is elected by a decent majority. Next May, therefore, the Lib Dems may be facing a choice The scenario can be written on the basis of evidence that

for which most of them don't Tony Blair sees rather little reason why it shouldn't hap-pen. He's been much taken with readings of history that only underline the missed opwant to prepare. They should start thinking about it in its full dramatic regalia. Blair has won an election by 50 seats. On Day One, he is riding high as the man who took Labour portunities of centre-left poli-tics resulting from the poor organisation of the progres-sive project early this century.

englins the party of the centre, and routine derision of Mr Blair is noticeable by its scar-city. There's quite a lot of chat about whether or not Liberal Democracy really is different from Social Democracy or whatever it's called today. A half-articulated awareness seems to be dewning that That much has been trailed as the product of his summer reading. Less well advertised is the extremity of the moral he draws for the future. Yet the moral is the core in the moral is a manground, he proclaims a man-date of 60 per cent not 40 per cent, and invites the participa-tion of the partner that can do Seems to be dawning that Labour will present a chal-lenge to the Lib Dems' raison d'être, and the party is solid for 21st-century progressivism what Lloyd George and Mac-donald, with a little help from Baldwin and Churchill, did for

for waving its defiant fist against being patronised or swallowed up. But that will not be the ques-Oth-century Conservatism. He offers, of course, the promise of a modest change to the voting system, the Alterna-tive Vote, which is less than the Lib Dems want but would give them quite a lot more seats, and would then be put to a referendum in which the tion. If Blair were to take the

There's chat about whether or not Government campaigned for a Yes. He announces to the party Liberal Democracy and a grateful world that he has found the way to consign Conservatism to its proper really is different place, which, as each election of the last 18 years has shown,

is in the minority. This is a dream that will horrify a lot of people in the Labour Party. It is heresy that cannot speak its name. It can-not be discussed in all its rich-

ness even in Labour's private enclaves, since privacy cannot be relied on. It canvasses an idea so gratuitously revolutionary, so insulting to party as we know it, that it would gravely threaten the easy com-radeship a 50-seat majority would otherwise, for the immediate future, ensure. But Blair is nothing if not a risktaker in matters of party struc-ture: and one who knows that

Democracy risk with his own party, he knows very well that Ashdown would insist on a partnership between sovereign, separate entities: an alliance of unequals, yes, but pluralist poli-tics taken into majority gov-

ernment - a Lib Dem dream come true, another culturesbock for old Labour politicians. Naturally, there's no cer-tainty that Blair will make such an offer. It's a large stride from musing to acting. But the

musing is close to the heart of

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 he will come to nothing, with-out a long-term strategy which will assuredly not enlist every sectarian in the tribe of which he is chief. With the tribe of which he is chief. Wheth takes a more elsevated view of what "the nation" really wants than has been heard from his predecessors.

Timid glimpses of this are to be found in parts of the Lib-Dem mind-set at Brighton. It's now easier than it used to be for an MP like Menzies Campbeil to talk openly about part-nering Labour in a hung Par-liament. Hatred of the Cenire,

the Alex Carlile prognosis of parties that ultimately merge. This isn't wilful blindness, just elementary politics. Until you see the result, you have to shake that fist. Until you can talk priorities in the Blair pro-ject, you don't lie down and wait for it to roll over. Ashdown's party has a distinctive psyche and a separate pride, and some of its members will run away from any impurist proposition. They never stop talking about their undeniable ascendancy in local govern-ment. The irony escapes them that this occurred in the era when local government has

been abolished. Some people are satisfied by such Pyrrhic victories. But the Blair possibility of something better imposes obligations. The trick their leader has to work is to let them contemplate the grand idea in positive mode, while at the same time not surrendering their identity. Sensibly put, and suitably conditioned, the offer, if it comes, is one I believe the Lib Dems cannot afford to refuse. In most of the country, a vote for the Liberais will indeed be a vote for Labour, just like the Tories say it is. Not for the Labour Party but for the Labour project In most of the country, that mantra will no honger be a vote-losser. Blair, paradoxically, is the reason why the Lib Dems are expecting to win 30 seats and are reasonable bets in another 10. This is a fact they need to pon-der, as they confront their painful opportunity.





HAT Joan Bakewell and she put it, consumed all her Harold Pinter were lovers 30 years ago, that the plot of Betrayal is in fact creative vitality. Greer cites another Englishwoman, Carrington, who also succeeded in creating a great love intheir story has an artistic con-gruence. It's also a good yarn, as the column inches of the

stead of great art. But some presume to do both. Amongst the other past two days demonstrate. Celebrity coupling has mass appeal since characters in any Bloomsburies were Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant. Even real-life drama are thoroughly in the booze and battling of Lillian Hellman and Dashiell confused with their profesconfused with their profes-sional personae. Blame Patsy for Liam's troubles with the band. How could Hugh do that to Liz? Does Nicole Kidman Hammett, there was, sporadically, creation. The paintings by the two halves of the volca-nic Mexican combination of wear the trousers in the Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo Cruise household? Amateur psychologists and marriage counsellors discuss on the often depict shocking scenes from their domestic drama. Domestic conflict as well as basis of watching the stars' harmony can be helpful to the performances on stage or artist screen. It's soap with the light-Feminism has concluded

she found women artists sub-jugating their careers to a male teacher or lover. The English artist Stella Bowen wrote of the disastrous effect her affair with the novelist Ford Madox Ford had on her work: "Pursuing an art is not just a matter of finding the time — it is a matter of having

time - it is a matter of having

a free spirit to bring it on" Ford did not understand that

the role of "consort to another

and more important artist" as

st sprinkling of reality. that in famous heterosexual It's not difficult to work out why the public likes it, but why should famous people be partnerships the women come off worse. Yet Simone de Beauvoir, a grand-mère of the so often and so disastrously attracted to other well-known movement, never renounced her relationship with Jean-Paul Sartre. She might have names and faces? The obvious answer is that fame is an aphrodisiac. There is a kind of been a greater artist without it, but its frustrations and misironic flirtation that famous ery were nonetheless a spur to faces employ with one an-other, even if no further conachievement, and her fame is in part reflected from him. For gress is in mind. On meeting, they do not so much talk as readers, if not so much for her contemporaries, the interest in her fiction lies in they do not so much talk as trade lines. Imagine Burton and Taylor circling one an-other on the set of Cleopatra: no screenplay could do it jus-tice. A famous liaison rein-forces the celebrity ego if it is public, or becomes danger-ously exciting and precious if the thinly velled portrait of that famous liaison. In her journals her painful, painstaking chronicle of his final decade, her detailed study of his llness and death is of interest ously exciting and precious if it must be kept secret. because of Sartre's stature; without that reputation, it might look like indulgence. But dangerous it always is. Whilst another famous person

AROLD Pinter's Be-trayal always felt like a true romance. The may be sympathetic to the pressures of fame, those pressures multiply once the two of them become a couple. You trouble was, the commentatrouble was, the commenta-tors had mostly got the wrong woman, attributing the char-acter of Enume to Lady An-tonia Fraser, now Pinter's wife, when it should have been Joan Bakewell. You may start by finding the one person who understands that you can only be shot from the left, but his obsession with his (non-existent) double chin

As Kenneth Clarke shrugs off the slings and arrows of the Tory Eurosceptics around him, **Michael White** foresees a scenario in which the Bruiser really could become the boss

clestone, star of Our Friends In The North. Al-though prepared to plug his latest role in Jude, and to confirm his age as 32, Mr

BSERVERS of the social scene would do well to start paying less attention to the Glorious 12th of August when upper-class guns are again unleashed upon the bird kingdom — and more to the Glorious 12th of September, when our masters turn upon each other. More precisely on Ken Clarke.

There is no time to lose in ne modern Cons



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il¥. 1 touch. A bottle of champagne for each new fact.

DIARY item of a month ago, in which we mused on Harold Evans's possible plans to return to Blighty, has proved uncannily, and uncharacteristically, prescient. Daily Express columnist Peter Tory, whose recollections of an acting career have so enchanted readers of the new Punch. reports that "a chum of mine saw Mr Evans in a corner shop in Minster Lovell the other day", and that "Mr Evans told my chum he was 'buying the rectory'." All credit to Mr Tory for what is, by any standards, just as good a scoop as the London Evening Standard's report of September 4 that Mr Evans was buying the Old Rectory, in Minster Lovell in Oxfordshire.

LSEWHERE at the Express group, mean-while, there is concern that Richard Addis may duplicate the poaching strategy that marked his early editorship of the Daily Express. Now he has his hands on the Sunday title, the obvious target is the Mail on Sunday and its columnists. One rumour suggests that Mr Addis is after Oswald, the white cotton handkerchief to which bis owner. Jonathan Holborow, a former shepherd, chats excitedly at times of tension. "God help us if Oswald defects," says one ex-ecutive. "That hanky's been running things here for ages, and it's doubtful whether Holborow could do without him."

N New York, a newly wed woman is suing a radio station after being announced the winner of an 'ugliest bride" contest. Two DJs from WPYX picked the bride they considered most hideous from a local paper, reports The Commuter, and invited listener to guess her identity.



Party. The holidays are over and the party conference is less than a month away. If the policy is to be changed or, better still, the leadership, now is the moment to stir the emotions of the activists who head for the seaside. For three years after the débacle -September 16, 1992 — over Britzin's exit from the European exchange rate mecha-nism (ERM), the target of the Tory Euro-sceptics and their Fleet St patrons was John Major himself, with Douglas Hurd as the sub-plot. When Major turned on his tormentors in July 1985, but sacrificed Hurd in the process, his chancellor became the sceps' prime target. Occasion-ally Clarke protests. He did so

after Sunday's Telegraph revealed on page one, cour-tesy of a new French book on the ERM, that the traitor chancellor had personally intervened to "save" the ailing. system when it was finally on the point of collapse in 1993.

The claim is flatteringly true: it had been examined last year in Philip Stephens's Politics Of The Pound, But never mind. The Glorious 12th has mind. The Gorious is in has been unexpectedly lively this year. Assorted Tory "gran-dees" led by Hurd and Ted Heath have had the temperity to shoot back at their tormentors. Feathers fly.

It is an astonishing spec-tacle, more dangerous than Labour's gratuitous feuding, because the Tories are in greater peril and have a policy most rational beings on both sides of the argument should settle for. It is that they should all wait and see what comes of the Franco-German drive to

both Blair and Major would probably prefer. As to the substance of the matter, there are good arguments on both sides of the single-currency debate. the Franco-German drive to Speaking personally, as one create a single European cur-in rency, starting (slowly) in 1999 1975, I doubt both the wisdom



and - if it both materialises | and the efficacy of the Bonn- | bloody-mindedness that and succeeds - whether it | Paris push towards economic suits Britain to join, right away (as Clarke provocatively hinted this week) or later, as mandate or the money to mandate or the money to make the project stick. Others, Clarke and — this week in Brighton — Paddy Ashdown think otherwise. It will be difficult, but the alternatives will be worse, perhaps unimaginably so, they say. Agreed. It is not simply

drives Ted Heath. As a student he stood a few feet from Hitler. Next time he went back, it was in a tank. But this Glorious 12th's battle is not really about the substance, it is about tactics.

both lingered so long, sus-tained by doctors too terrience in October. He kept the fied to let them die, that they almost became objects date and hung on till the following year of pity. The death of a dicta-Woodrow Wilson's second or pny. The beach of a dicis-tor, of course, tends to un-leash change — in Tito's case tragic change, in Mao and Franco's cases, much for the better. For those term was a deception not unlike Boris Yeltsin's. Wilson was too ill to campaign effectively, and his presi-dency was largely run by his whose status rests on the wife. Ronald Reagan's second term was enlivened by bowel cancer and the beemperor's seal, the weak-ness of the great one, around whom the sharks of ginnings of Alzheimers, and President Mitterrand's sucthe succession swim, is natcess at concealing his own cancer for eight years was urally to be concealed. Democracies are subpos to be able to cope with the only matched by his bril-liance at choreographing his death as the ultimate politipassage of the man at the top, but when Churchill sufered a major stroke in June 1953, he struggled in to chair a cabinet meeting the following day and, alarmingly, none of his colleagues noticed that his mouth was

cal event. Georges Pompidou's deception was alto-gether duller, though he's the only one of the bunch who is reported to have made a joke about it: he told Henry Kissinger that every time anyone shook his hand, dragging and he'd lost the use of one arm. He was de-

Major really will rule out a (non-existent) double chin single currency in the lifetime of the 1997-2002 parliament, but only during the last days of the campaign. There is no evidence that Major plans this, let alone that a cabinet still dominated by Heath's has just rewarded me? Very protégés would let him. But, few celebrity pairings survive taken together with the paral — pace the Newman-Woodlel tax-and-spending-cuts fantasy, it makes for great wish-ful thinking. Bingo! A fifth Tory term followed by a Portillo-Lilley putsch and That-cherism is restored.

Hence the interest in Clarke: if only he could be replaced. On this, Norman Tebbit and Paddy Ashdown agree. "Only the great bulky figure of Ken Clarke stands between John Major and his own weakness," the Lib Dem leader told the Guardian this week. That judgment under-rates Heseltine and Malcolm Rifkind, who plays a subtle game that could see Prime Minister Rifkind take Britain into the euro (but not now), as could premier Blair or even

tik if it has to, but only when it

has to, much as it grudgingly accepted the Channel Tunnel.

Alas, the Tory Euro-sceptics

think they have the formula to

win the election: play the na-tionalist card! Hence the Sun-

day Express's claim that Major really will rule out a

Portillo But Clarke, with his enormous resilience and zest for politics, is the symbolic enemy. He can and will look after himself. It is doubtful that he loses any sleep over the attacks. With Clarke, what you see is what you get the sartorial elegance of a left-wing car salesman, all mis-matched ties, beer belly and crumpled suits, the instincts of a bruiser married to the brains of a criminal lawyer. Bloke-ism plus Cambridge and the Bar: meritocratic

man. Far from worrving, he may be chomping cheerily on his cigar at the thought that a winning budget, however un-

likely, or even a near miss, could rapidly reverse his for-The big two parties want to keep their options open, knowing that a suspicious, gloriously insular British pub-lic will bow to Euro-realpoli-Bruiser Ken.

addressing the party confer-

he felt they were trying to

wards — except where the career of one is cut down as fuel for the other. Or that, at least, has been ment are at odds. Cyril Con-nolly's observation that there was no more sombre enemy of good art than the pram in the hall, passed through the femi-nist perspective into Germaine Greer's analysis of female painters in The Obstacle Race. Time and time again, | happy ending.

following decades. Mr Pinter wrote a powerful play. Ms Bakewell, who has made some considerable study of moral issues, has spoken in the past about the moral dilemma of her own adultery, without naming names. Lady Antonia apparently based much of her thriller heroine Jemima Shore on Ms Bakewell. And Michael Billington, Mr Pinter's biographer, has now got the full version that ties up all the loose ends and will sell copies of his book when it appears shortly. After a long pause, a

might say this has been the

perfect celebrity union - con-ducted with discretion at the

time and proving very fruitful

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that Boris Yeltsin is mail to perform his duties and that he's been less than truthful about his state impressive record in this regard, beginning with Lenin, who struggled on for nearly a year after suffering of health. The Russian voters were not told that their favourite candidate had a heart attack in the middle of the presidential election campaign. This should surprise nobody, and certainly nobody with a sense of his-tory. Concealing the lead-

er's incapacity is a long and bonourable tradition. It's easy to sneer at the Rus- this practice, nor do they

no fewer than three strokes. Leonid Brezhnev was Leonia Brezniev was heavily doped on tranquil-lisers and sleeping pills for a decade before he died, and managed to rule the USSR for six years *after* being pro-nounced clinically dead (in 1976). The arrangement seemed to suit everybody fine, but the Russians didn't invent

Do not disturb the leader

tury Tibet. beds as opposed to their bunkers did so after a long twilight of concealed degen-eration. Mao Zedong was clearly ga-ga for at least two years before his death, and years before his death, and termined not to resign and he felt they we General Franco and Tito set himself the test of take his pulse.

Boris Yeltsin is not the first man at the top to conceal his condition. **Isabel Hilton** takes the pulse of some historic deceivers takes the pulse of some historic deceivers the word was that the boss was too deep in meditation to be disturbed: this was such a reasonable explana-tion that nobody smelt a rat - or would have had the bad taste to mention it if they had: they knew what discretion was in 17th-cen-Most of the 20th-century dictators who died in their

10 OBITUARIES

Dorothy Lamour

With a smile and a sarong

living on a Polynesian Island whose idyll is threatened by

wicked Europeans and a

Horizon (1942), hardly ever leaving the Paramount back-

Lani. meaning "heavenly

Nevertheless, although a

sarong clung to Dorothy La-

mour's image as tightly as it

clung to her curvaceous fig-

Lamour is an actress and she gets reimbursed To let the director do his

She lives on islands and she sings a song And gets pneumonia in an old sarong

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HIS chorus of typhoon. She appeared in a similar South Sea costume Swinging On A Star was sung in Duffy's Tavern (1945) by

and role in Typhoon (1940). Aloma of the South Seas (1941) and Beyond the Blue Dorothy Lamour. who has died aged \$1, cheerfully taking herself off. But no matter how much she tried to slip out of the sarong lot — for all of which she was made an honorary Hawaiian princess named Ke Aloha into something less comfortable, the studio publicists made sure that if blonde Betty Grable was perceived as the girl most Gls would like to get back home to, then brunette Lamour was the girl they dreamed of meeting on a South Pacific island during ure, she had both a larger the second world war.

range and a larger wardrobe than is generally credited. Lamour began her screen career in a sarong in The Jungle Princess (1936), play-For example, she was clad in furs in Spawn of the North (1938), an adventure set in child of nature who ing a child of nature who falls for Ray Milland, a hand-Alaska; she wore slinky gowns as a nightclub singer in The Fleet's In (1942), and some Westerner. "Me Chris. You Ulah", he tells her. "Kees?" she replies, unable spangled tights in the circus dramas. Chad Hanna (1940) to pronounce his name, dramas. Chad Hanna (1940) but great? Of that I was never "what is kees." Her Jungle and The Greatest Show on sure." Even Dorothy's most Love (1938) had virtually the Earth (1952). She will also be ardent fans knew her limita-

identical cast and plot. with the added attraction of Tech-nicolor and a volcano. In John Ford's faux naif Crosby in six "Road to" In John Ford's faux naif melodrama, The Hurricane (1937). Lamour and Jon Hall are a happily married couple

chantootsie with a sultry voice", sang rather languidly in a pleasantly deep manner movies - in contrast to some of the Curiously, her seductive more frenetic female vocalname came about more by ac-

ists of the forties, such as cident than design. For some Betty Hutton. reason, most reference books And apart from her tropi-cal island epics, where she had to play an innocent na-tive girl who learns the ways state that she was born Doro-thy Kaumeyer, which was the real name of her first hus-band, bandleader Herbie of European men, her screen character was alluring, witty Kaye. But she was actually born Mary Leta Dorothy Slaand good natured. a perfect travelling companion for Bob and Bing. According to Hope, "Dottie was fearless. She stands there before the camton, the daughter of John Slaton, a waiter in New Orleans. When her mother divorced her father and married Clarence Lambour, she became Dorothy Lambour. However, era and ad libs with Crosby

and me. fully knowing the way the script's written. on a billboard announcing her first appearance with the Herbie Kaye Orchestra, the she'll come up second or third best." "b" was accidentally left out Prior to becoming Miss of her name. It looked good

South Seas of the Screen. La-mour was Miss New Orleans Her mother had always had

a secret desire to be in show of 1931, and then a singer with Dorothy would say. "If tra. Kaye, whom Dorothy this baby is a girl. I'd dearly hove her to be a great singer and actress." Years later, La-mour agreed that, "Yes. I be-came an actress and singer. married in 1935 and divorced in 1939, was one of the coun-try's most popular bandlead-ers, with a Sunday night radio programme called The Yeast Foamers. Dorothy soon but great? Of that I was never branched out on her own, singing in nightclubs and on a radio programme called The Dreamer of Songs. before

On the road with Bob and Bing

flower.

■I MADE 60 motion pictures and only wore the sa-rong in about six, but it did become a kind of trade-mark. And it did hinder me. They expect you to always be the young girl leaning against the palm tree. Why should you want to act?

EIWORKING with Bob Hope and and Bing Crosby] I felt like a wonderful sandwich, a slice of white bread between two slices of ham.

■IT'S a picnic working with Bob - and Bing, too. I never know what's going to happen next. They'd rather tease me than eat, and any thing goes. Once I decided to top one of their gags. It was kind of dirty, but I let fly. They nearly sank through the floor. They've been pretty good since.

🛎 AT MY age you can't lean against a palm tree and sing Moon of Monakoora. People would look at that They are so happy to and say, 'What is she trying remember the good times.



and it stuck.

Lamour with Hope and Crosby in Road to Utopla KOBA

to do?' — Lamour on play-ing a sloppy housewife and murder victim in *Creepshow* an in the business.

■SHOW business asso-■WHEN I sing Moonlight Becomes You or Tangerine ciates can be very cruel. It was suddenly difficult for or Personality, I can look in me to reach certain Hollythe audience and see smiles wood people by phone on people's faces. That's the same people for whom I the great thing about show had done favours when business. There is a big, big was box office magic. senior citizen audience. **I THANK God for that**

little strip of cloth.

by the cold. Her exotic looks - full lips and long, dark tresses - often got her cast as real or false foreigners: Carmelita Castillo in The Last Train from Madrid (1937); Lolita Si-

erra in A Medal for Benny (1944); as a Brooklyn-born entertainer stranded in Ran-goon and posing as a Spanish singer in Moon over Burma (1940) and as an Irish girl who passes herself off as a French star in Slightly French (1948), in which she even attempted the can-can in a number called Fifi From

The Folies Bergère. In the late 1940s, no longer

Lamour smoulders in The Hurricane. 'Show as much of her as the censors will permit — with or without the sarong the favourite South Sea hero- | erally) that she wore bikini | had kept her looks and figine of the armed forces, Lamour found her popularity declining, as did the quality of her pictures. Fortunately, in 1950 she was invited to appear at the London Palladium, where she scored a hit singing a wide variety of songs, only appearing in a sarong at the finale.

mandy landings.

panties under the sarong. Married to a professional soldier, William Ross Howard III. since 1943, with whom she had two sons. Lamour continued to work on stage into the 1970s, notably tour-ing with Hello Dolb ... Having retired from films in 1952 after Road to Bali, she She was also a success at the Glasgow Empire where, in exchange for the secret of Road to Hong Kong. Although the kilt, she revealed (not lit- | the 48-year-old Lamour, who | US in a one-woman show. In

ure, was ungaliantly replaced by Joan Collins, she put the younger star to shame in a cameo role. She also appeared in John

Ford's invigorating Donovan's Reef (1963), which paid homage to her enduring South Sea persona. She performed frequently on television in later years, espe-cially in Bob Hope specials, and in the 1980s toured the

Richard Hoggart, writer,

mer Conservative minister.

50: John Kasmin, art dealer,

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1984, she even went on a boli day cruise to the South Pa-cific, the only occasion on which she saw the island charms that she had helped to make so famous

She is survived by her sons and two grandchildran. Her husband died in 1978.

Dorothy Lamour, film ediress born December 10, 1914; disd September 22, 1996

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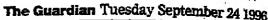
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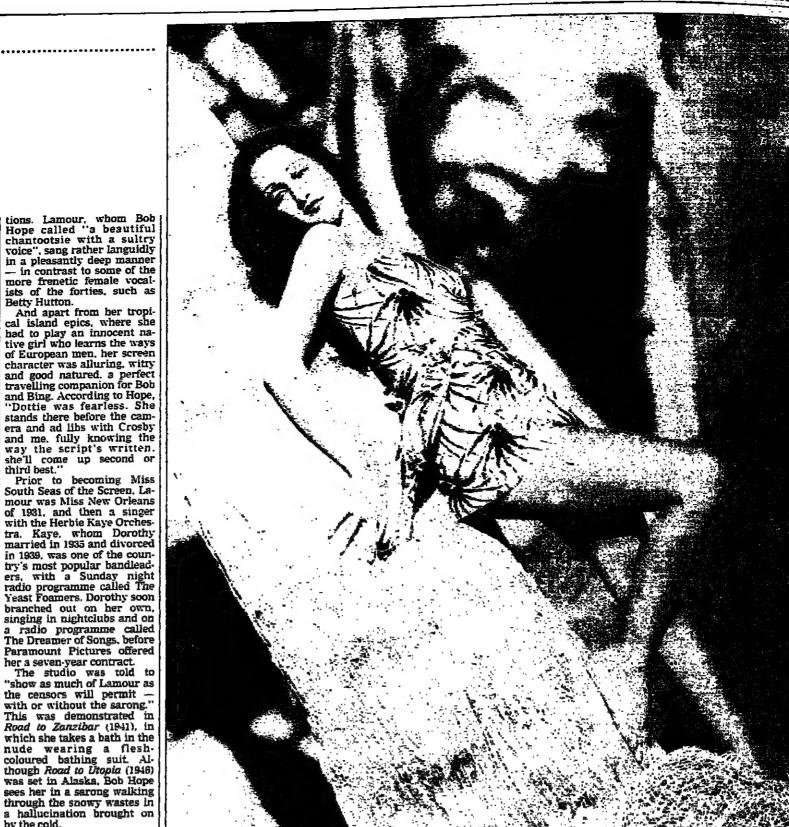
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Dowling as Pagageno with Iris Kells as Papagena in a 1955 production of The Magic Flute HOUSTON ROGERS

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From farmyard to Figaro

ENIS DOWLING. successfully to be a sympa- singing competition in Mel- Vasco and was D'Armagnac who has died aged 86. thetic Germont in La Tra- bourne — and won it. He left in the first British performade his career with Sadler's Wells, then English National Opera. He an ebullient Marcello (La vas a company stalwart of a Bohème).

As the years went by he shaded over into parts where characterisation was as imkind that hardly exists today. He served ENO well for some 37 years from 1948 in a wide portant as mere singing. He was absolutely at home as the wily, eponymous anti-hero of Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* and variety of roles, although he was obviously happiest in those that employed his na-

In the early years he was a delightfully artless Papageno was suitably pompous as Prison Governor Frank in Join The Magic Fluts and a quicksliver Figaro in The Marriage of Figaro. These roles also evinced his gifts as hann Strauss's Die Fleder maus and Baron Zeta in The Merry Widow, in which his mobile features were used to a Mozartian — rounded tone, smooth line, excellent diction. unerring effect.

Years of experience had made him well aware of the He was also appreciated in the lighter roles of the belabsolute priority to be given to clear diction and the use of canto repertory, notably as Malatesta in Donizetti's Don the facial muscles to project Pasquale, Dandini in Ros-sini's Cinderella and Raimcharacter in large spaces. Dowling was a New Zea-lander by birth, born at Otago,

baud in his Count Ory. Later he was a pastmaster of the patter called for by Bartolo in where he studied at Maniototo County School in readiness to The Barber of Seville. Although his medium-sized become a farmer. But, at the

company for the remainder of age of 25, after some singing experience in New Zealand, he voice could be overstretched by heavier parts, he managed entered the famous Sun Aria Gordon Crosse's The Story of 23, 1996

Burbidge, astronomer. 71; **Prof Terence Burlin, former** the farmhouse door behind mance of Penderecki's The rector, University of Westand headed for London, where he entered the Royal College Detrils of Loudun. minster, 65; Sir Seymour

Dowling's many cameo roles included Benoit and Alof Music, working with the noted teacher Dawson Freer. cindoro in La Bohème, a In 1939, he was ready for a career and was engaged by double act he continued late into his career, as he did a variety of parts in the G&S repertory. His final appear-ance was as Bolkomsky in Sadler's Wells, which first cast educationalist, 78: Catherine Hughes, former principal, him as Faninal, the nouveau riche father of Sophie in Der Somerville College, Oxford, 63; Robert Jackson, MP, for-Rosenkavaller, singing with Joan Cross as the Marschal-Prokofiev's War and Peace in 1984, an auspicious farewell lin. When the second world as it took place at the Metro-politan Opera in New York, war broke out he served with 62; Sir David Lane, former distinction in the Royal Artilwhere the ENO was on tour. He appeared from time to lery, taking part in the Nor-

62: Sir David Lane, Jormer chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 74: Robert Lang, actor and director, 62: Linda McCartney, photogra-pher. 55: Prof George McNi-col, former principal, Aber-doon University 57: George time in oratorio but the stage was his real métier. After IS first postwar enretirement he taught singing gagements were with the fledgling English and dancing to selected pupils, and was ready with addeen University, 67; Gerry Marsden, rock singer, 54; Prof Bernard Nevill, textile Opera Group, taking vice to his juniors. He always part in early performances of Britten's The Rape of Lucre-tia, as Junius, and in Albert bemoaned the fact that, in recent years, diction had become sloppy and did his level best to put that to rights. Herring, as Sid. In 1948 he was re-engaged by Sadler's Wells and stayed with the

Alan Blyth

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Blessed union

1) DON'T let worry kill you. Let the Church help. 2) Thursday night — potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow. 3) Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our Church and community. 4) For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs. 5) The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of the David Alan Belzer, the sin of the Rev and Mrs Julius Belzer. 6) This afternoon there will be a

meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

7) Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice-cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come 8) Wednesday, the Ladies' Lit-

urgy Society will meet. Mrs Jones will sing Put Me In My Little Bed, accompanied by the from US church bulletins. pastor. 9) Thursday at 5pm there will

be a meeting of the Little Moth-ers' Club. All wishing to be-Hot gossip come Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private

study. 10) This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the

human behaviour. It's good for us, psychologists claim. And without it, some say, we'd all suffer from a sense of 11) The service will close with Little Drops Of Water. One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will lob in isolation. "Asking why people like to gossip is like asking why people love to breathe," says gossip expert 12) Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All

Dr Nick Emler of the Department of Experimental Psychology at Oxford Univer-sity. "Exchanging informathose wishing to do something tion and opinions is essential for our social survival. You can function more effectively

13) The ladies of the church in any community if you are armed with information have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday. 14) A bean supper will be held about who gets on with whom and what people's personal-

on Tuesday evening in the ities, strengths, weaknesses. church hall. Music will follow. 15) At the evening service talents and virtues are. Igno-rance makes life dangerous." tonight, the sermon topic will Dr Emler argues that "Men be What is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice gossip just as much but they disguise it by calling it some-15 actual announcements taken thing different — like 'talking politics.' And they call what women do 'gossip' to discour-age women from doing exact-ly the same thing by making them feel they're being super-ficial, trivial, malicious and Taken from the anarchy listserver. Thanks to Michael Jovic RECENT studies in Britain and abroad show gossip is not merely entertaining, it's an essential part of healthy destructive. It's very cunning." Zest reveals why telling tasty

tit-bits can improve someone's life. Hilda Ogden can congrat-ulate herself on providing so much joy.

Seed of change

IDONATE sperm as part of my revolutionary scheme. Before the country turns into a place full of pretentious middle-class wankers I'm trying to upset the scales. There's a great body of opinion that says class is a genetic thing, so I'm trying to put some of my working-class genes into our so-called classless society. "Donor clinics are very hypocritical. They

pretend that what they're doing is for the good of soci-ety, when, in fact, it's only middle-class families that can afford to go through with it at nearly three and a half grand a shot, and it's mostly middleclass men who donate. It's just a money-making machine. But it amuses me to think of all those people who think they are getting sperm from a nice middle-class family and it ends up coming from me."

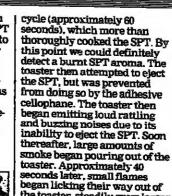
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Burnt toast

THE present work describes our independent verification and experience with Staw-berry Pop Tart-based combustion. Materials: A toaster and some Strawberry Pop Tarts. A suit-able location for the experiment was the author's drive way. And an appropriate means for extinguishing the SPTs would be needed; a research assistant brought along some baking soda for the Marie Claire ... revolution purpose.

Experiment Preparation: In order to guarantee that the SPT would receive sufficient heat to begin combustion. the toaster was set to its highest setting and the lever was jammed in the "down" position using ad-hesive cellophane. An SPT was removed from the box and its protective packaging and care-fully placed into the toaster slot. The toaster was plugged in. First, the toaster went through a normal toasting

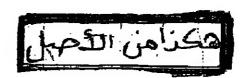




five SPTs, but could not do so because there were no more suitable toasters available. In the future, we recommend that toasters be sold in six-packs to the toaster, steadily grew larger the toaster, steady grew larger and until reaching a maximum height of about 18 inches above the top of the toaster. As the flames were reaching their accomodate important SPT maximum height, the toaster maximum height, the toaster abruptly stopped making buzz-ing noises. We speculate that the flames had by this point shorted the electronics within the toaster. The researchers also realised that the heat could inadvertently melt the adhe-sive cellophane and cause the flaming SPTs to suddenly eject from the toaster. Unforta-nately, this did not occur. The

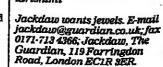
nately, this did not occur. The flames continued for several minutes. We then enlisted the

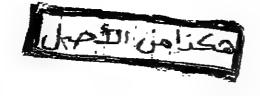
Emily Sheffield



In summary: Overcooking the SPT did produce a good size flame. The effect was not as pronounced as the researchers had hoped, but was satisfying nonetheless. We believe that frosted SPTs may successfully produce even larger torches. We did desire to repeat the experiment with the remaining

research. It is nice to know that humanity continues in its great strice for scientific knowledge. The Strawberry Pop Tart Combus tion experiment is at homepo-ge.midusa.net/-hatboy/ tartshtml





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Cut and thrust of interest rate debate, page 12

BA deal escapes monopoly inquiry

Airline will be required to open up 'stranglehold' on Heathrow

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greater access to Heathrow. To protect the interests of

NISTERS are preparing to give the controversial proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines a consid-arable lift by deciding not to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Keith Harper Transpert Editor

But BA will be expected in return to relinquish its stranglehold on access to other airlines, the OFT will tell Mr Lang that tight regulawhich have been sharply crit-ical of the proposed alliance tions will have to be intro-duced to prevent BA and American Airlines, as domi-- and paving the way for an open skies" agreement with the US government.

nant partners on the North Atlantic routes, from acting A decision by Trade and Industry Secretary Ian Lang to approve the deal is expected in an anti-competitive man ner. Any fare reductions which threatened the busiis early as next week, following an exhaustive ex-amination of the plan by the ness of another carrier would

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be stopped immediately. Office of Fair Trading. These safeguards are likely to be enough to sway minis-The OFT was last night put-ting the final touches to its ters, particularly Mr Lang. The Trade and Industry Sec-retary has the final decision report which, although critical about the threat the alliwhether the issue should be referred to the MMC, but the critical examination by the OFT has been designed to make the reference irrele-vant.

Other pressures have also been brought to bear on the Government to bypass the MMC. The merger timetable has been slipping away fast. The Americans have started to get restless about

what they assumed would be a relatively quick decision. Ministers now realise that an on the question of providing extra slots at Heathrow, for MMC reference could hold up the deal, perhaps fatally, and which other American carriers have been clamouring. The report is expected to say that there would be no decision until the end of the year. Bob Crandall, American Airlines' chairman, told min-isters last week that the comthat BA must give up some slots if the merger is to go ahead. This is a move which is bound to appeal to the US government, currently dead-locked with Britain shout pany could not hold on indefinitely for puffs of white locked with Britain about smoke to emerge from White-hall. This is why the Cabinet now appears to want to hasten the process.

The "open skies" talks will not be resumed until the Government has overcome this latest political hurdle. They should have been completed before the American presi-dential elections, and Mr Crandall has threatened to seek other partners if the deal is not wrapped up before the end of the year.

its collapse could threaten more BA jobs. At present, the company is planning to shed 5,000 jobs over the next 18 months. BA sources yester-day stressed that its plan depended on the American Air-line alliance being approved, and that staff numbers might have to be reduced further should the talks fail.



BA and American (top left) await the imminent approval of Trade Secretary Ian Lang (above). The deal will effectively merge their operations PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

London's ready whether in or out

process of determining the cost of borrowing in Britain is not entirely divorced from such short-term political con-siderations, like winning an election, for example.

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In the US, the system looks more impervious to political pressures. The factors US pundits are mulling over in trying to second guess the Fed's current thinking owe far more to economic fundamentals than they do to the proximity of the Presidential election

Nonetheless, as President Clinton has already demon-strated, the White House is strated, the White House is not averse, in an election year, to trying to influence Fed policy. It is interesting to speculate, too, how much more forceful White House arm-twisting might have been f Bob Dole were a more credible challenger.

Even the mighty Bundes-bank, pillar of monetary rectitude, is inclined to listen, not perhaps so much to the politicians in Bonn, but to the opinions of those it knows are close to the workings of the German economy. The Bundesbank council may be a formidable defender of the institution's independence but it is also an effectively sound-

ing board for wider opinion. Such things matter. It is no doubt better for the public interest if monetary policy is not conducted in response to the demands of short-term political expediency. But policy conducted in some sort of economic vacuum, without either widespread public support for its goals or a sansible degree of political account-ability, would be equally dan-REPUILS

It is to be hoped that if and when monetary union does happen, its architects take due nots. Economic structures are part of society, not separate from it.

conference appears to have **Bulgarian scale**

Mark Milner

Notebook

HE usual strictures about avoiding compla-cency netwithstanding, London's banking community appears confident that the City will be able to maintain its role as Europe's premier financial centre even if Britain does not sign up for a

single currency. There has been talk of plots by various Euro-rivals to eize a competitive advantage if Britain does not sign up. One way would be to restrict the access to the settlement system which will link up the banking operations of countries in the system to banks of those countries. For

countries in the system to banks of those countries. For all that, the City's EMU work-ing group has a case to argue. Its study published this morning concludes that plenty of work has already been done in making sure London is up to speed on the changes that will be needed as far as wholesale financial markets are concerned. Keep-ing up the good work should ing up the good work should ensure that the City is ready whether Britain is among the

'ins" or the "outs". It is worth noting, too, that London dominates foreign exchange trading in the European time zone — as well as leaving New York and Tokyo trailing - even though sterling is scarcely the world's top-traded currency. The snag is that it is diffi-

cult to be sure just what London has to be ready for. Will currency union take place in 1999? Last weekend's Dublin

same time.

Outside factors

SET aside, for a moment, the outcome of both yes-terday's deliberations

between Britain's Chancellor.

Kenneth Clarke, and Bank of

the mechanism of formulat-ing interest rate policy

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catastrophe". Adding his voice to a grow-

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ing strict application of the Maastricht "convergence cri-

teria" before the move to

EMU, he did, however, con-

cede that any delay in imple-menting monetary union should be only for a "pre-cisely defined, clear period".

Mr Schröder, a possible challenger to Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl at the 1998 general

election, said he was "very pessimistic" EMU would

meet the planned schedule. He added that the SPD should

not now commit itself to the

planned 1999 start. It would

he said, he "no great drama"

if monetary union was de-

layed, "so long as the process of European integration is not

stopped". • At least five European

Union governments will merge their currencies in January 1999, according to a

survey of EU economists. Two-thirds of the economists

City presses for early decision on entry to EMU

Panel suggests staying out of single currency is better than joining late

Sanah finin

HE Government will come under pressure today to make an early decision on UK participation in the single currency.

City executives, fearful about the impact a delay would have on London's post tion as a leading financial centre, have warned all political parties that a last-minute commitment would seriously threaten London's ability to fight off competitors after 1999. The EMU City Working Group echoed the tough line taken at the weekend by Chancellor Kenneth Clarke. He rejected a late British entry into the European single currency as "pathetic". The City panel, formed by the British Bankers' Associa-tion, the Association for Pay-ment Clearing Services and

layed beyond early 1998, but with the changeover still due for completion by 2002, could be highly disruptive for all sectors of the economy and expose UK financial institutions to real competitive disadvantage."

It also warns that the UK would risk discriminatory action from competitors in the single currency if it opted out, with its fate riding on little more than "the general climate of relations between the UK and the rest of the EU". A decision to opt out of a

single currency completely would be preferable to a late commitment, the panel hints. Tim Sweeney, BBA director general, said. "We do not believe that there is anything inherent in any of the scenar-ios which would suggest that London's role as a major, global financial centre is under threat. There are threats and opportunities in all scenarios, but all of these can be contained and the City can respond, providing it is properly prepared." Some markets within the of its preparations for EMU.

the London Investment Bank-ing Association, argues: "A others if the UK stayed out of UK decision to participate de-EMU, the panel concludes. EMU, the panel concludes. Bond and foreign exchange markets, fund management and insurance were relatively immune to EMU changes. Money markets, equilies and, to a lesser extent, derivatives would stand to gain more from participation and lose more from non-participation. The report says the City is is vulnerable to the impact of the UK not joining the single currency than individ-ual financial institutions, pro-

vided there is adequate prepa-ration, including legislation to safeguard contracts which are due to expire after 1999. It says international markets are relatively immune to any adverse impact on the UK economy of non-participation. But organisations such as high street banks, which are more dependent on domestic prosperity, would suffer.
The London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange announced yesterday the launch of a onemonth Eurodeutschmark (Euromark) Interest Rate con-

Gerhard Schröder: Delay tract on November 21 as part would be 'no great drama'

Leading German Social Democrats warn over rush to monetary union

David Gow

TWO prominent German Social democrats — veteran Bundesbank hawk, Reimut Jochimsen, and Lower Saxony premier, Gerhard Schröder — yesterday warned against rushing into European monetary union. They added an unusual Eurosceptical tone to the debate in Germany about abandoning the mark just hours after European Union finance ministers took significant steps towards meeting the January 1, 1999, deadline by agreeing a "stability pact" and a new-style but voluntary exchange rate mechanism for non-participant countries. Mr Jochimsen, head of the Bundesbank in North-Rhine

polled by Bloomberg Business News said Germany, France, Netherlands, Belgium and Westphalia, said a delay beyond the 1999 start-date would be "neither a question of war euro-currency in 1999. shortened the odds that it will but talk of weaker criteria in OR the monetary policy order to achieve a membermakers in both the US and the UK, the deciship with critical mass may yet provoke a German back-

sions of whether or not to raise interest rates fit into the Nor is it yet clear just who will sign up for monetary union, though it is likely that category of fine tuning. In Bulgaria, however, they do things on a grander scale. Yesterday, the country's cen-tral bank did not so much it is this group which will make the rules for the way make the rules for the way the euro works. Such uncer-tainties will persist at least until the spring of 1998. It would be handy, for the City at least, if another uncer-tainty — Britain's place in EMU — was removed at the raise interest rates as send them into orbit.

From this morning, the Bul-garian National Bank's main interest rate will be a staggering 300 per cent, up from a mere 108 per cent. The hike reflects the magnitude of Bulgaria's economic problems. At a time when many of the former communist states are seeing their economies stabl-lise and, in a number of cases, show robust improvement Bulgaria is grappling with a plummeting currency (just wait until the winter energy bills start to roll in) and gal-loping inflation.

England Governor, Eddie George, and the Federal Reserve's open market com-mittee meeting which starts today. Take a look instead at As one commentator noted yesterday; having survived the first post-communist shock, Bulgaria is in danger of being overwhelmed by a second. The BNB's hard line comes

making. In the UK, it is Mr Clarke who makes the decision even if, as has happened, the decijust about a month ahead of the Bulgarian presidential sion goes against the advice election. In Sofia, at least, neof the governor. Hence, the in-evitable suspicion that the cessity it seems is the mother of independence.

Two quit Chrysalis board after row over ending film activities

Lise Buckingham

A BOARDROOM split at Amedia group Chrysalis yesterday led to the resignation of two non-executive directors, including film producer Sir David Puttnam, whose credits include Midnight Express. The Kill-ing Fields and Chariots of Fire.

Viscount Chandos is also quitting the board. Both men have decided to leave in protest at a lack of communication over the way in which the company decided to close its film business which has cost about £4 million.

Sir David, who has been an evangelist for the British film industry, is under stood to have been put out at the lack of consultation over the closure

Chris Wright, the chair-man of Chrysalis — which will be left with just one non-executive director said replacements would be announced as soon as possible.

The group has decided to ecutive director, Charles share options.

Levison, a deputy chairman alongside Mr Wright, the founder and executive Nicholas Bermin chairman who also owns Queens Park Rangers football club and Wasps rugby

U alab. Mr Levison will, according to Chrysalis, assume "some additional management responsibilities' until a new group manag-ing director can be ap-pointed, which should be finalised before the annual meeting in February.

Chrysalis announced ear lier this month that it was reorganising its film operations and would close its film production and international film sales arms

Tough trading conditions were blamed for the deci sion to pull out of the busi ness. John Allwood, the fi-

nance director of Mirror Group, has received a \$380,000 windfall after ex-cercising 250,000 share options in the group.

The move follows the disclosure last week that David Montgomery, the chief executive, had made

Technology Editor NE-third of bank customers will hank by phone by the year 2000, according to a new report on retail banking by Datamoni-tor, the consultancy.

The report says the number of regular users will triple to 10 million by the end of the century, with 125,000 people a month switching to telephone banking. It defines regular users as people who use a dedicated

telephone banking service for over 50 per cent of non-cash withdrawal transactions. Datamonitor also forecas

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on being No 1 Lloyds TSB says it wants to become the leading insurance provider in the UK, and would

seek further acquisitions in make its remaining non-ex-ecutive director. Charles share options. f1.7 billion purchase of the sector. The bank said its ager sacked by Deutsche Mor-gan Grenfell for gross miscon- companies linked to Mr funds totalling 2300 million.

that telephone banking calls | encouraged banks to invest in would rise from 41.3 million a | telephone banking. year in 1995 to 130 million a year by 2000, with 42 per cent of calls being handled automatically by computers. The report on retail banking distribution says that bank staff handle 80 per cent

Bank clients feel called to phone

of telephone banking calls. The maximum savings for banks will be achieved by automating telephone services — where customers get a recorded message offering options which are selected by pressing the appropriate key on their phone.

The report says cheap infor-mation technology and telecommunications, together with branch closures, have

"At the same time, in-reases in white-collar working hours have led to growing consumer demand as busy employees attempt to buy back leisure time by accessing their banking services quickly and at a time and place of their own choosing." It forecasts that 30 per cent of bank account holders will soon be regular telephone banking customers, compared with just 10 per cent of cus-tomers today. The number of bank

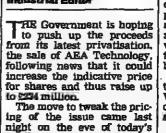
branches fell from 11,075 to 10,601 last year, while staff employed came down from 268,000 to 290,500.



Last-minute price rise values AEA Technology at over £200m

Sinton Beaute Industrial Editor

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The disposal follows this summer's sale of British Energy, the nuclear power company, which flopped embarrassingly. Intermediaries acting for AEA individual investors have until midday today to apply for shares on behalf of clients.

A supplementary prospec-tus will be published on Wednesday, spelling out the offer price and the basis of allocation.

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costs totalling some £8 billion.

AEA remains dependent for some 50 per cent of its busi-ness on the nuclear industry deadline for investors to sign up for shares in the company, which has been hived off from but has presented itself as the former state-owned nu-clear power research body, high-technology science and engineering group. All nu-clear liabilities previously atthe UK Atomic Energy Autached to the group have been hived off into a separate group, UKAEA Government Division, which is remaining

thority. A statement issued yester-day said the indicative pric-ing range could be raised from 240p-270p to 250p-280p. The new range would mean Yesterday, AEA's new chief executive, Peter Watson, was that the minimum price for company was

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LARRY ELLIOTT examines the strength behind the arguments for putting up interest rates — and for cutting them

City surrogates fight Clarke-v-George battle

Optimist 🗠 **Price** is right

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WiTH the election only seven months away, Kenneth Clarke gladly acknowledges that the economy is picking up steam, but he is reluctant to raise rates because: Inflation is low. According to the Retail Prices Index, the annual inflation rate has fallen from 2.9 per cent in January to 2.1 per cent in August. Excluding mortgage interest pay-ments, it has remained steady at 2.8 per cent, but analysts expect it to fall within the Government's 1-2.5 per cent target range over the coming months. Inflationary pressure is weak. The price of goods leaving factories rose by 2 per cent in the year to August, compared with 3.6 per cent in January. □ The labour market is be-having differently from previous recoveries. Despite almost four years of decline in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit, average earnings have remained flat. They rose by only 3.75 per cent in the year to July, compared with a low point of 7.5 per cent in the whole of the 1960s. Deconomic recovery is patchy. As the Construction industry Employers Coun-cil said in its budget submission yesterday, construc-tion output has shrunk by 11 per cent since 1990 and is set to decline again in 1996. Manufacturing output in the three months to July was down on a year earlier. Britain's economy has been underperforming and bas plenty of spare capacity. Gross domestic product rose by only 0.4 per cent in each of the past thre quarters, leaving the annual rate of growth at just 1.7 per cent. The Trea-sury believes the economy has potential to grow by 2.5 per cent a year on aver-Real (Inflation-adjusted) interest rates are already

high enough. Although base rates are historically low at 5.75 per cent, so is

HE City was lining up in rival camps behind Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George yesterday as the Chancellor and the Governor met at the Trea-sury to renew their argument over I doubt whether the target of having the level of interest rates.

While most analysts believed that the discussions would result in the Chancellor deciding to leave the cost of borrowing unchanged at 5.75 per cent, there were calls both for an increase in rates and for further reductions.

Marian Bell, UK economist at Royal Bank

"I doubt whether the target of having underlying inflation (excluding mortgage interest payments) below 2.5 per cent by the end of this Parliament will be achieved. If the Government does want to achieve its inflation target rates ought to be higher.

But Gerard Lyons, chief economist at Jap-anese firm DKB, said: "I think there should be at least one more rate cut. The argument | diate rate hike.'

Pessimist -

growing at a suggish pace for several quar-ters and is only just starting to gather mo-mentum. A rate rise would choke off the recovery before it has even got going." Michael Saunders, at Salomon Brothers, believes there is no need for a change either way, "With real growth picking up, further base rate cuts are unpressert," he said

base rate cuts are unnecessary," he said. "However, with lead inflation guides pointing down, there is no real need for an imme-

FBI aids **Fed leak** Stock answer inquiry

> HE Federal Reserve has called in the FBI to investigate a highly em-

DDIE George is con-cerned that the Chan-Bark Tran in New York cellor may be turning blind eye to the risks of the economy overheating because dearer borrowing barrassing leak revealing that a near-majority of the US central bank's policy-making body is pushing for higher in-terest rates. would be unwelcome in the run-up to polling day. The Governor wants interest rates to rise because: The economy's growth panse is over. GDP is ex-Brent Bowen, the Fed's in-

spector-general, has asked the FBI to help trace the per-son responsible for the leak pected to expand much nore rapidly in the second half of 1996 than it did in son responsible for the leak. Last Tuesday, a Renter news report in Chicago quoted a "senior Fed official" as say. Ing that eight of the Fed's 12 district banks were in favour of raising the federal funds rate — the rate for overnight hank leans — by a question the first half, and by well over 3 per cent in 1997. Much of the slowdown has been caused by firms meet ing orders from stockpiles but this process is now over Consumer spending, investbank loans — by a quarter-point to 5.50 per cent. ment and stock-building are likely to drive the econo my rapidly forward.

News of the leak inquiry co-The Government is findincided with a fresh bout of. nervousness about an immi-nent tightening of monetary policy on Wall Street, where ing it hard to hit its inflation target. Underlying inflation has been outside the target range for more than 18 months, remaining at 2.8 the Dow plunged more than 50 points in early trading but recovered later. 2.9 per cent despite the The Fed's Open Market Committee, made up of seven governors of the Federal lowdown in the economy. Britain is in the early stages of a consumer boom Reserve and the presidents of its 12 regional banks, meets Retail sales rose by 1 per cent in August, house price today to consider monetary policy. The committee is said are up by more than 5 per cent over the past year, borrowing from banks and to be deeply divided on the building societies is up by almost 10 per cent on a year need for tighter policy - a division mirrored in Well ago, spending on debit and credit cards was 27 per cent Despite the long-running expansion, inflation remains higher last month than a ear earlier. tame, although there are Both of the normally signs of tightening labour used measures of the mone markets and the beginning supply are outside their monitoring ranges. Narrow of pressure on wa Minutes from FOMC meet money (M0) — mainly notes and coins in circulation ings in July and August show

that pressure is building on chairman Alan Greenspan to has been well above its 0raise rates. In July, Gary Stern, of the Minneapolis Fed, cast a rare dissenting vote, 4 per cent range, while broad money growth (M4), which also includes bank and building society ac-counts, has been acceleratopting for an increase In the news agency report, ing steadily. It currently Minneapolis, Richmond and San Francisco banks are said to be pushing for a half-point rise in the discount rate. stands at 9.4 per cent, above its 3-9 per cent monitoring

range. Pay awards are starting while five others favoured a to pick up in the private secuarter-point rise. tor, and real disposable in-comes are set to be boosted by windfall gains from the

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The report also said that a consensus was forming for a quarter-point increase in the more important federal fund

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inflation at 2.1 per cent. The real interest rate of 3.65 per cent is the highest in the Group of Seven industrialised nations

Inchcape on road to recovery — with some way to go Murdoch son's

OUTLOOK/Back-to-basics strategy is proving to be not that simple in practice. Pauline Springett reports

to recovery. Its management has been revamped and an ambitious restructuring is well under way. The actual figures are looking somewhat wan, but the reorganisation dates only from last March so it would be unfair to expect the earth just yet.

As Sir Colin Marshall, Inchcape's chairman, said yesterday: "We are confident that the second half, based on the business as currently consti-tuted, will show good recovery over the comparative period, leading to an increase in our headline profits before ex-ceptional charges and tax for the full year

But it is difficult to share Sir Colin's optimism unreservedly. True, the company has already started withdraw-

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HE official story is that | ing from non-performing op-Inchcape is on the road erations, such as its Swiss motor franchises. But so far there has been no impact on Inchcape's bottom line. The phenomenal rise in pre-tax profits was actually

due to the absence of last are no hitches.' year's extraordinary charge of nearly £65 million. Stripping out the exceptionals reveals first-half profits of £82.8 million, almost unchanged from the 1995 figure of £83.3 million.

On the plus side, the company is apparently close to achieving two main prongs of the restructuring process the sale of Inchcape Testing Services and the demerger of Bain Hogg. However, as so often with Inchcape, even these two moves are not proving straightforward. The sale of the testing div-

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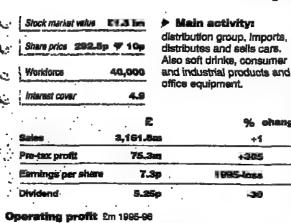
ision for £380 million to a con-sortium led by the venture capital arm of Charterhouse surance sector very shortly. surance sector very shortly. This may be difficult, given Bain Hogg's first-half perfor-mance — its profits sank 20 per cent to £20.8 million. Bank has been widely flagged. But, contrary to expectations, the sale was not announced as a done deal yesterday. Natu-If Bain Hogg is demerged

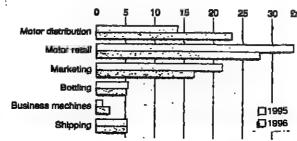
rally, this prompted specula-tion that something might that will at least rid Inchcape have gone wrong. Chief exec-utive Philip Cushing found of another non-core business but it will not boost the company's coffers with any sale himself driven to assert: "It [the sale] will be completed in proceeds.

the fairly near future. There The sale and distribution of cars constitutes Inchcape's Testing Services checks product quality and performain business. On the bright side, the company is starting mance standards for importto benefit from an upturn in ers and exporters. Although it some of its motor distribution is doing well — its operating markets - there were better profiles rose by 37 per cent to £15.7 million — it is not a core business and the sale properformances from its Toyota franchises, Chrysler and Fer-rari in the UK, and Mazda in ceeds will help Inchcape to France. But the retail side reduce its gearing. The divestment of Bain suffered, especially in the UK,

and Singapore was badly hit. Hogg, the company's insur-ance-broking subsidiary, has Inchcape's marketing arm, which distributes consumer been more problematic. Origiand industrial products. nally, a flotation was mooted, mainly in the Far East, suf but that was abandoned in fered several dents.

favour of a trade sale. Several Inchcape's manage potential buyers put their hands up, but Inchcape deiterated vesterday that its aim was to produce "a simcided that none was offering pler group with a simpler enough money. A demerger is structure". There is some now the favoured option, un- | way to go yet.





Gold traders gamble on IMF vote

Sellers see poverty relief plan as | obtaining better prices now than after the IMF decision. bonanza, says **Dan Atkinson**

OLOSSAL bets in bet that the IMF sales will movel gold markets are riding on approval this week of a plan to sell 150 only are official exchanges loaded with short positions. week of a plan to sell 150 tonnes of bullion, held by the International Monetary Fund, but also it is reported that there has been considerable in order to help some of the world's poorest countries. So-called "short" positions were near record levels over short selling on less formal over-the-counter markets. As the vote draws nearer. the weekend as millions of dollars were gambled on a Yes vote from the IMF's leadbullion markets - gossip-prone at the best of times are buzzing with rumours, including one suggesting the Dutch central bank had preing members. Should Germany, Italy and Switzerland — three promi-nent objectors — block the plan, speculators who have gold holdings in the hope of Bullion prices have been stitute.

Such a move would contra dict Dutch practice of maintaining a similar proportion of gold to total reserves as Germany's 30 per cent. Another suggestion, guar-anteed to strike panic into

anyone running a short gold position, was that Japan sist chronic debtor nations.

and would vote against the

Ranged against Germany is group led by the United States, which insists that some gold be sold before it

weak ahead of the vote: gold closed in London on Friday at \$381.6 a troy ounce, perilously close to the key level of \$380. Earlier this year it had been as high as \$415.4.

The plan before the IMF would involve selling 30 tonnes a year for the next five years, investing the proceeds and using the interest to as-

Annual sales of 30 tonnes ought to have little impact on the overall shortfall of gold supply against demand, of between 300 and 500 tonnes, and represent only 0.09 per cent of the 34,400 tonnes held by cen-

the strategic direction of the global media group. Lachlan is, however, not the only one of Mr Murdoch's offspring to be employed in a senior position within the

News Corporation within the News Corporation group. Eli-sabeth, the eldest child of Mr Murdoch's current marriage, was earlier this year ap-ninted as a serier marriage. pointed as a senior manager at BSkyB, the British-based satellite broadcaster in which News Corporation owns 40

per cent of the shares. Mr Murdoch's youngest child, James, appeared ini-tially reluctant, but now tral banks and internation organisations such as the IMF the Murdochs own only 31 per and European Monetary Incent of the group's shares.



Lisa Buckingham

SPECULATION that Rupert Murdoch is grooming his elder son to take over the running of the News Corporation media empire intensified yesterday when it emerged that Lachlan has been promoted to manag-ing director of News Limited. the Australian operation. The latest step up the News Corporation ladder for Lachlan — just 25 years old this month — comes less than a year after he was made dep-uty chief executive of the group's Australian subsidiary, and is another sign of

his meteoric rise through the company in the two-and-a-half years since he graduated from Princeton University. He joined News Limited in Family fortunes Heir apparent Lachlan Murdoch Ken Cowley, the News Limited chief executive, will be unaffected by the promotion

1994 as general manager of Queensland Newspapers, al-though he had worked in various capacities, including for the UK newspapers, while still a student.

of Lachlan Murdoch, to whom he is said to have been acting as something of a mentor. Mr Cowley said that Mur-doch Jr will concentrate on Lachlan moved to the cen-tre of power in News Corpora-tion last year when he be-came a member of a key managing News Group opera-tions and would continue to report to him. The chief executive said he would be "inti-mately involved" in shaping committee that determines the group's strategic direction to cope with the chal-

lenges of technology and competition. It is understood that Mr Murdoch's responsibilities will run wider than the Aus-tralian newspaper business. possibly involving News Corporation's joint ventures, the Ansett airline and Foxtel pay-

TV service. Mr Murdoch, who said his progress through News Lim-ited had been made possible with the support of Mr Cow-ley and other executives, is expected to fill the role previ-ously held by Bob Muscat, the chief operating officer who left recently to join rival John Fairfax Holdings.

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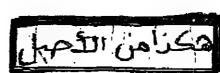
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Wales play fast and **loose with Voyle**

David Plummer finds friction as a Llanelli lock is elevated against France tomorrow

KE VOYLE was selected to play for Llanelli against Swansea last Saturday even though chosen to make his first full appearance for Wales four days later. The amateur precept that once insisted players be rested by their clubs before international debuts is history. Reputedly Voyle is paid \$45,000 a year, before bonuses, by Llanelli after moving from

Newport during the summer. and there was no question of him missing an important eague match just to put his feet up before tomorrow's friendly international against France in Cardiff.

But the 26-year-old lock came close to watching the end of the match - won by Lianelli - from the stand, for he was warned after an incident that left his opposite number Paul Arnold prostrate at a line-out.

Voyle has twice run on to the field for Wales but has only one cap; both outings were as a replacement in the first Test against Australia in June. This time he will be on from the start, as the Wales coach Kevin Bowring's first unforced change since last season's Five Nations Championship.

American Football

He replaces the 6ft 10in Der-wyn Jones as Bowring seeks to build a pack of all-rounders

rather than specialists. Voyle, who began his career with Newbridge before spells with Ebbw Vale, Newport, Cardiff and Newport again before ar-riving at Llanelli, can play either in the second row or either in the second row or back row. His selection has been wel-comed by Brian Price, a for-mer Wales captain. "When Derwyn Jones was first capped

by Wales in 1994 we needed a strong line-out presence, but the game has moved on since then; the laws allow immediate support of the jumper, and sides should win their own line-out ball," he said. "More emphasis is now placed on loose play which is why Voyle has been given his chance. "There is a dynamism to his breeding uniformity.

game and he is a nasty man around the field, as the French will find out. He takes the ball on and drives hard. He was a shoulder injury. The Ebbw Vale captain Kingsley Jones comes in and will win his change Wales had to make." Voyle has also played with Wellington and Brisbane, and second cap. Swansea's Colin Charvis has been called up said: "I learned a lot because

the games there were all about passing and mobility. "I was beginning to think that my chance of being cho-sen by Wales was fading an undisclosed fee. for replacement duty. Saracens have signed the rugby league forward Mike Forshaw, 26, from Leeds for



Transferred by coach . . . Mike Voyle is ready to swap the scarlet jersey of Stradey for the red of Wales PHOTOGRAPH COLINELSEY

Ice Hockey

Panthers provide cutting edge Injuries force Lawless's hand

Mark Tran in New York

WAS a day of upsets as three of the league's star teams slumped to defeats. The Dallas Cowboys, off to their worst start since 1990, lost to the Buffalo Bills; the Green Bay Packers, who had looked unstoppable for three games, fell to the Minnesota Vikings; and the San Francisco 49ers were surprised by the Carolina Panthers.

The Panthers proved that their win over the 49ers last started playing only last year season was no flash in the as one of two new NFL clubs.

"We are not big on deception; we just want to line up and beat you," said Beuerlein, whose first drive of the game pan as they inflicted a 23-7 defeat on their rivals in the NFC West. They did it, moreover, without their starting quarterback Kerry Collins, — 80 yards, nine plays — led who sprained his left knee to a touchdown. He also pro-The veteran Steve Beuerlein stepped into the breach and duced two pin-point passes over the middle, both caught by the tight end Wesley Walls, played a superb first half to guide his team into a 17-0 lead in their new Ericsson a former 49er. The 49ers did not get on the Stadium in Charlotte. board until the second half.

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The Cowboys, still without their star receiver Michael Irvin, were beaten 10-7 by the Bills, who had Todd Collins deputising for the injured Jim Kelly - as starting quarterback for only the second time in his NFL career. The Packers are human

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Vic Batchelder

T'S not getting any easier." the Manchester Storm coach John Law-less said of the task facing his side in tonight's opening European League game against the top Finnish club TPS Turku at Manchester's draw 5-5.

Nynex Arena. Lawless had known he was going to have defensive prob-

are capable of playing at that level," said Lawless, who has lems when Steve Barnes been forced to call up the 16 minu broke an arm in a car crash Kingston Hawks trio of Dan-last Thursday, but then Dale use Bauba, Oleg Sinkov and with two Jago was injured in Satur- John Haig. "I just hope the scoring. Blaisdell and Derek Laxdal. with two apiece, led Panthers'

day's 6-1 defeat at Sheffield | guys that are fit will play and the following day Stephen | with a lot of pride." Cooper aggravated a groin strain as Bracknell's Peter Attendances totalled 28,076 over the opening weekend of Romeo scored Bees' fifth goal Britain's new professional

of a tense Superleague game Superleague, an average of in Manchester, Bracknell recovering from 4-1 down to Panthers took full points from "This team [Turku] will probably have eight defencetheir two matches, following Saturday's 3-0 home win over men; we're down to three that Basingstoke by hanging on

CREAT BRITAIN XIII: Prescott Roper, Malner, Sanor, Critchley: Powell (caco, Smith; McDermott, Lowes, Mollov, Cassidy, Bradbury, Nammond Suber Phillips, Harmon, Tollett, Mortey.

SPORTS NEWS 13

Rugby League

Powell first into battle

ARYL POWELL will captain Great Britain in the opening game of their Oceania tour against a Papus New Guinea Presient's XIII at Mount Hagen tomorrow.

The 31-year-old Keighley player coach is the only player in the 17-strong squad who has previously played in PNG, and steps in as captain because the Lions' coach Phil Larder is saving Andy Farrell, his vice-captain Denis Betts and the rest of his big guns for the Test against the Kumuls in Lae on Saturday.

Powell was a last-minute replacement for the injured Paul Newlove but, with 28 caps for Great Britain and five for England, he is the most experienced interna-tional in the squad. He will partner Tony Smith at haf-back, with the Hastings-born Australian Tulsen Tollett making his Great Britain

debut on the bench. Steve Prescott of St Helens will be at full-back, which makes Bradford's Stuart Spruce favourite to play there in the Test team, a surprise after Prescott's impressive performances for England in this summer's European Championship. "Full-back is my most difficult decision because both Steve and Stuard are outstanding footballers," said Larder. Mount Hagen is in the

Highlands at an altitude of more than 5,000 feet, and Great Britain will make the one-hour flight there on the morning of the match, leaving them only a few hours to acclimatise.

But Larder said: "On previ-ous tours the majority of players have preferred playing there because it is much cool-er than Port Moresby, and more than 4,000 for each of usually in PNG the heat is the the seven games. Nottingham | major problem." major problem." The team doctor, Wigan's

Ansar Zaman, has brought an emergency supply of oxygen and will patrol the touchline for a 7-8 victory in Cardiff where they had led 4-0 after 16 minutes. The coach Mike CREAT ERITAIN XIB: Prescott, Roper,

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by a supremely confident Frankie Dettori, he shot through a gap on the rails to win the Celebration Mile at THE Aga Khan still awaits

his first success since return-Goodwood very easily. ing to British racing at the beginning of this season, but the French-trained Ashkalani Bosra Sham has not run since winning the 1,000 Guineas. That now looks only a moderate Classic, but Henry could do the trick in Satur-day's Queen Elizabeth II Cecil, has always believed Stakes at Ascot — a race which will decide Europe's this filly to be exceptional and is pleased with the way she has come back after a persischampion miler.

tent foot problem. Nine were declared at yes

Ashkalani, winner of the French 2,000 Guineas, takes on our own Guineas winners terday's forfeit stage. Soviet Line, Pirst Island and Charn-wood Forest represent the older generation, while Bijou Mark of Esteem and Bosra Sham but is the outsider of the trio at 7-2 with Hill's, who have the other pair 9-4 joint dInde, Matiya and Shake The Yoke make up a fascinating field.

Connections believe that Roger Charlton has warned that High Summer. bis 7-2 Ashkalani, winner of five of his six races, should still be favourite for Saturday's Tote unbeaten as the only blemish came in the St James's Palace Stakes when, ridden for the first time by Mick Kinane, he Festival Handicap, is not a certain runner although 201b higher in future handicaps. "I advise punters to be cau-tious," said Charlton. "She was outbattled by Bijou

204 205 206 207 Kinane was criticised for has a well-publicised windproblem and we'll have to see how she is." striking the front too soon that day and the colt's regular

208 209 210 The two-day Ascot Festival rider, Gerald Mosse, was back in the saddle when Ashkalani has prize money totalling came late to floor Spinning over £1 million and the Sun-World and Shake The Yoke in day card features major twoyear-old events in the group one Fillies Mile and the Royal

ACEPOT: Not won, £3.529.50 carried ove

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That was a high class per-formance and Ashkalani, who Lodge Stakes. At Nottingham this afterhad a below par Mark of Es-teem well behind him the St noon, Fern's Governor (2.00) carries the nap. She comes from the in-form stable of Willie Musson and finished James's Palace, looks the value for Saturday's race. fast when failing by a short-bead at Kempton last time.

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Instant suspension for Poole

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ARY POOLE. the Û Birmingham City defender, was last from all football activity by the Football Association after allegations that he assaulted the Huddersfield referee Rich-ard Poulain at Manchester City's Maine Road ground on

Saturday. Poole. 29. has been told he must appear before an FA disciplinary commission at Lancaster Gate a week next Monday. October 7. to answer charges of misconduct and assault.

The Birmingham manager Trevor Francis said last night that he would request a personal hearing for the former Tottenham full-back.

"I was very surprised to hear from the FA that Gary had been suspended. I had planned to play him in the Coca-Cola Cup game against Coventry City but quickly had to change my thinking." said Francis. "It has surprised me that

the ban has been imposed so quickly. It seems the Football Association have reacted to the referee's report and have not watched a video recording of the incident."

> EAN HOLDSWORTH'S desire to leave Wimbledon for a club with a

higher profile may well be granted this week, ironically

just as he has patched up his

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Everton sights

on Holdsworth

said after Saturday's game that he had been treated by the Manchester City physio therapist for mild whiplash injuries. He added that he had been given anti-inflammatory tablets and told that if his condi-

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tion worsened he should see his doctor or go to hospital. Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said last night: When there are allegations of assault against a match referee and we consider there is a prima facie case and the player could be charged, then he is suspended from all football activities.

"Assaults on referees at League level are comparatively rare, but those are the rules

Poulain sent his referee's report by fax to Lancaster Gate yesterday and the FA immediately informed Bir-mingham of Poole's suspen-sion. The player could face a heavy fine and lengthy ban if the charges against him are proved.

The last player to face similar charge was Frank Sinclair, of Chelsea, when on loan with West Bromwich in the 1991-93 season. The de fender was found guilty of assaulting the referee Paul Al-cock and the FA gave him a Poulain, a driver with a pri- nine-match suspension.



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For Batty the game has a deeper significance. It is almost a year since his last match in Europe. when he traded punches with his

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Premiership: Wimbledon 3, Southampton 1

Beasant given night to forget by Ekoku

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HEN the boys at Wimbledon are not trawl-ing the depths to find a ridiculous analogy with which to lampoon Gary Lin-eker they are rather good at their trade. Last night they demolished a pitiful South-ampton side to record their fifth successive win and confirm their ride to sixth in the Premiership.

Marthew Oakley's late goal was about the only good thing that happened for Graeme Souness's side on a night central acres exposed Ekoku held off Dryden and un-leashed a skidding shot that. Beasant would have expected summed up by Le Tissier's casual back-pass which gave Ekoku his second of the game

shortly before. It might put Southampton in a class of one but they could claim with some justifi-cation beforehand that a visit to save, Instead the ball squirmed under his body and over the line. Between these two blows Southampton were not with-out chances of their own. Shipperley kept Neil Sullivan on his toes with two shots and to the Dons holds no fear for them. On their last five excursions to play them at Selhurst Park they have returned Slater might have made amends for his earlier error home victorious four times. The Coca-Cola Cup had reminded Southampton of what it takes to win games and for the first time this sea-It all served to indicate why Souness has made himself son Sourcess felt sufficiently

the last few days. Earlier yes-terday Paolo Albes flew in ambitious to pair both his main strikers Shipperley and Watson. Watson went close with the first attempt on goal but Wimbledon were not long in making their attacking fer from Sporting Lisbon. Souness can only hope he had threat known. Dean Holdsworth, eager to

poor imitation of Premiershin quality. impress after a transfer demand and a highly publicised fall-out with Joe Kinnear, Earle, Leonhard S2min); Holdswor drew a low save from Dave Sesth Beasant with a strongly directed header. After 12 minutes another cross from the right was struck deep and gave Slater problems in deciding how to clear at the back post. In the event he succeeded only in sending the ball loop-ing into the air once more.

• The Sheffield Wednesday defender Ian Nolan was a surprise call-up yesterday for the Northern Ireland squad to play Armenia in next week's World Cup qualifier in Belfast.

Dons riding for a fall, warns Barry's coach

BARRY TOWN's player-becoach Gary Barnett is talking about knocking Ab-erdeen out of the Uefe Cap tonight, even though the Scottish Premier Division side will bring a 3-1 lead to

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Jenner Park. Barnett points out that his League of Wales side discovered a giant-killing knack in the qualifying

Leeds manager. Graham, preparing for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup second-leg visit to Darlington refused to be drawn into the debate over whether Alan Shearer contributed to Palmer's dismissal by complaining to the referee Paul Alcock, but said yesterday: "I have a

ber 12, but has escaped a club fine from George Graham, the

Everton are seriously conclub disciplinary system in sidering renewing their interest in the 25 million-rated Engagreement with the PFA [Pro fessional Footballers' Associland B striker after learning that Duncan Ferguson not ation] that if a player is only requires more surgery. booked for dissent or some thing like that he will be fined; you have to be very this time for a knee problem. but has also been given a twocareful if you start fining game ban for his sending-off at players for cards dished out Blackburn on Saturday. The difference between Kinnear's for other reasons. valuation and the £3 million Managerless Manchester City, who play Lincoln City tonight are believed to be conon offer from Joe Royle, the Everton manager. may be

Uefa Cup, first round, second leg: Halmstads (0) v Newcastle (4) | Helsingborgs (1) v Aston Villa (1)

'EN weeks after Alan Shearer was reported to be booked on a plane to Milan with Manchester United, he finally arrived

may be out for 10 days. It was mid-July when Shearer, then a Blackburn

We'll attack, say Swedes who hope to detach Villa

Tom Evans in Helsingborg

HEN Helsingborgs drew 1-1 at Aston Villa their coach Reine Almqvist prom

ised to play less defensively in the second leg. People thought he was joking. for the Swedish part-timers need only a 0-0 draw tonight to en-

state that the safety barriers around the pitch must be three metres away from the playing area and not two as before.

from the side that held Man-chester United to a goalless draw on Saturday. The mid-

fielder Ian Taylor will make

his European debut in place

Brian Little. "But as a team

we have always responded to

that sort of situation over the

Almqvist had the last word.

Asked whether he would play

10 men behind the ball on the

home leg as he had done at Villa Park, he replied: "I

thought I said I would play all

11 behind the ball." Tonight,

though, the joke may be on

past 12 months."

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Villa make only one change

resolved by compromise siderine appointing a "consul tant" as the Maine Road chair-Ferguson's suspension came as a surprise to Everton, who man Francis Lee studies his options. and yesterday the name of Kenny Dalglish was had assumed his dismissal at Ewood Park was for a second bookable offence. But the being openly touted. Only last week the former manager of Liverpool and Blackburn said he would conmatch referee David Elleray confirmed yesterday that the Scot had been sent off for using foul and abusive lansider making a return to foot guage, an offence carrying a ball, but outside the Premier mandatory two-game ban. ship. Dalglish is hardly Leeds United's Carlton renowned for embracing lost Palmer, sent off controvercauses but he does relish a challenge and City's caresially against Newcastle on Saturday, will serve an autotaker manager Asa Hartford matic one-match ban, against is a friend and former Scot-Nottingham Forest on Octo- | land international colleague.

Rovers player, was the subect of a travel company's unsavoury hoax, but yes-terday afternoon a balmy Scandinavian sun greeted the striker and his Newcastle team-mates as they trained at the compact Oransvall stadium in this Swedish coastal resort. Their defence of a four-

goal lead against the Swedish part-timers should be straightforward but preparations have been hampered by the injuries to Peter Beardsley and David | but two men who will

until he was injured at Old Trafford last December but he has struggled to make an

imnact since his return. **Revelations** of huge gambling debts have not helped the 21-year-old, and yester-day he said: "It's been frustrating for me since Christmas. I'm just hoping that time is over. If I play [tonight] it will be due to David's bad luck but you have to take chances no matter how you get them." Kevin Keegan was cagey about the team selection

Blackburn team-mate sure safe passage to the second round. Graeme Le Saux.

"Europe hasn't been too It seems that he was speak ing in earnest. "Positive foot-ball is a good business philoskind to me so far. That was part of a shameful night." he said. "But I've paid the ophy." is the motto of his price and that's why I didn't play in the first leg." chairman Ingvar Wenehed, who expects his team to go He served a two-match forward at all costs. suspension for his

The press corps who de scended on their 10,000-Batty stressed the need or a "good. tidy job" capacity stadium were poised to write "Swedes in Dirty tonight to ensure Newcas-Tricks" stories when they tle are in Friday's draw. saw that the pitch had been "To say we're capable of reduced by two metres in winning this competition is width, but nothing sinister has happened. Uefa rules

round. They overturned a similar away-leg deficit to Budapest Vasutas of Hunof the Serb Sasa Curcic. is ineligible. 'I know we will come in for a lot of criticism if we don't win," said Villa's manager

gary by beating them 3-1 at home and winning a penalty shoot-out 4-2. Aberdeen will be without

Paul Bernard, who strained a hamstring during the 2-0 defeat by Hibernian. btor Sport Celtic, meanwhile, must

tonight forget 20 years of failure on German soil. They trail SV Hamburg 2-0 after a bad night in Glasgow and have never scored in five visits to Germany since 1976.

Smart about-turn by board puts Results Cambridge United up for sale

CAMBRIDGE UNITED, In 1992 the club, with sixth in the Third Div- John Beck as manager, John Beck as manager, came close to the Premier

ision, were put up for sale yesterday. Their chairman ship, finishing fifth in the Reg Smart said: "My colold Second Division. The new Rotherham manleagues and I have given everything we can to the ager Danny Bergara has club. We now feel that a fresh injection of funds, reached an agreement over compensation with Stock and individuals on the port after his successful board, will give the club the claim for unfair dismissal. boost it needs to develop." X-rays have revealed that

Cambridge, on gates of just over 2,000, are believed Robbie Mustoe's shoulder is not broken. The Middles-brough midfielder injured to be losing more than £1.000 a day. Smart added: it in Saturday's game "It's a sad day for me. I against Arsenal. But Sunhave argued against this up derland's Niall Quinn, who to now but we have to sell limped out of the game against Coventry, had his knee put in plaster yesterour best players to survive and on occasion the directors have had to help out day and may be out for a with the wage bill." month.



BUT WILL IT **HAVE LEGS?**

Soccer

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Chess

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American Football

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Ice Hockey

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ion (2.0) Basketball

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Ice Hockey Tranmera (2) v Oidham (2), Wycombe (0) v Notim Forest (1) (7.45): York (1) v Everion (1) (7.45) RUROPEAN LEAGUE Manchester v TPS Turku (Fin) (7.0).

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Anglo-Welsh Cup." Orrell have warned Llanelli that they expect compensa-tion for Frano Botica and will hold the former All Black to his union contract even though the Welsh have paid Castleford rugby league club a reported \$75,000 for him.

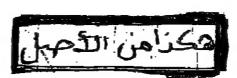
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Chess

After six successive wins, England crashed 3-1 to Spain in last night's seventh round of the Olympiad in Erevan and dropped out of the leading group, writes Leonard Barden. Nigel Short, who has yet to win, resigned to Alexey adsworth MW DIVITINES LEAGUE: Becond Divisi PONTING LEARNING DESIGN Language Bradiord C + Mansheld (7 0): Grimaby + Hull (7.0): Third Divisions Choster + Don-cation (7 0). AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Shirov and even Matthew Sadler, England's best player in the previous rounds, lost with the white pieces.

Russia forged ahead with an impressive 3%-3 win over the Czech Republic including a 25-move victory for Garry Kasparov, who stormed Zbynek Hracek's stranded king with a bishop sacrifice.



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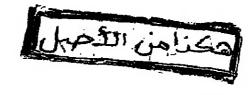
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Beasant give night to forget by Ekoku **Motor Racing** The moment truth dawned on Villeneuve

Alan Henry on why Sunday's race went wrong for Damon Hill but Hill could dictate the pace. provided of course that he did not make a slip. The outcome of this potential championship decider would now depend on the times the Williams cars took for their final refuelling stops.

F DAMON HILL fails to win the 1996 world cham-pionship, he may believe that lap 22 of the Portu-guese Grand Prix was the mo-ment his title hopes evapo-rated. But lap 16 provided a more significant event. final refuelling stops. Hill was due in at the end of lap 49, and unfortunately found himself following David Coulthard's McLaren, limping in with punctured rear tyre, round the last right-hander be-fore the pits. Hill had to swoop wide round the outside of the McLaren before darting back

more significant event. Hill had pole position for Sunday's race at Estoril and made a perfect start, drawing across the track and into the smoothly away from the pack. pit entrance-road: The Briton is at his best with a clear track ahead, and by his Although he would later suggest this cost him more time, in fact Hill's "in lap" befirst routine refuelling stop at the end of lap 17 he was leadfore his third and final re-fuelling stop was timed at 1min 30.826sec. Villeneuve ing Jean Alesi's Benetton by 8.8sec and his team-mate Jac-ques Villeneuve, his only rival

came in next lap in 1min 30.754s. The two were now less than a couple of seconds for the title, , by 9.7sec. Yet the next few laps would underline the reservations the apart, but the final blow for Hill came when he was held Williams team have privately harboured about his completefor a couple of crucial seconds ness as a grand prix driver. Carving through heavy traffic yet again proved difficult for Hill, and slowly but surely his after the completion of his re-fuelling because Coulthard had pulled into the McLaren pits a few yards further on. Next time round, as Hill advantage ebbed. At the end of lap 26 everyhurtled past the pits to com-plete his 50th lap, Villeneuve

Hill was running second, making up ground after his stop, he was still behind Alesi but nearly 20sec ahead of Villeneuve, then in fourth place behind Mika Hakkin-en's McLaren. Hill had just lapped in 1min 24.944sec, Villeneuve in 1min 23.902sec. On lap 21 the stopwatch showed Hill only 14.8sec

ahead of Villeneuve as he came up to lap Ricardo Ros-set's Footwork, which was battling for 16th place with Ukyo Ratayama's Tyrrell. These two were paying scant attention to their rear-view mirrors and Hill simply could not pass them.

ence between the two Wil-liams drivers. Villeneuve Between laps 21 and 23 his lead over Villeneuve, the more took a massive risk because comfortable in traffic, was slashed from 14.8 to 7.1.sec. Hill lost 5.8sec on lap 22 alone as he struggled to get past the slower cars. On lap 23 he lapped Rosset but was still losing two seconds a lap to Ville-neuve as he struggled to over-take Katayama, which took him until the end of lap 24.

was accelerating hard down

the pit lane to return to the

race, just managing to squeeze out and into the first corner before his rival

It would be easy to blame Hill's failure to win the race

on that added delay in the pit lane, but it would not give the

full picture. More relevant is Villen-euve's brilliant manoeuvre on

lap 16, when he took fourth

place from Michael Schu-macher's Ferrari by an auda-cious lunge round the outside

of the final right-hander before the pits. Here was a crucial differ

CRICKET: THE VERDICT ON 1996

The end of English cricket as we know it

Today the TCCB will vote to make way for a new governing board. **Mike Selvey** looks back on a season of England consolidation HIS season was the place on the bedrock that has end of an era for been provided by a comment

HIS season was the end of an era for English cricket. By the time the balls are n ext April the game we a new management re in place from top to more that here in the l2 months. back on next April the game will have a new management structure in place from top to tail, a process that begins at Lord's today when the Test and County Cricket Board members vote themselves out of existence. They will do so to adopt the

Morgan working party's proposals and form an all-em-bracing England and Wales Cricket Board, the ECB, which will mean change from the grassroots to international level. There will be a new chair-

man of selectors for the Eng-iand team, too. Raymond Illingworth's last act in his 30month term of office was to announce the winter touring parties; now, chances are he will move back to the pundits' side of the wire. His period in belowd hand. India were not belowd hand. India were not belowd hand. India were not charge, including a year as "supremo", was character-ised by some inspired selections and some that defied be-lief. But life was never dull or short of a sound-bite.

Gooch . . . bristling with years, runs and a £10,000 cheque

First-class averages

His last summer brought mixed fortunes for England, with success in both rounds of Texaco matches and a Testseries win over India offset by a heavy defeat by Pakistan in the other series, but there is evidence of much progress in the hardening-up process that is crucial if the team are to compete consistently against the best. England may have fallen at the last hurdle of the harder to beat.

SPORTS NEWS 15

Pollock's Warwickshire debut which brought him four Not-tinghamshire wickets in four balls in a B & H match. A sim-ilar feat by Kevan James against India became unique when he followed it up with a cantury in the same unique With Cork out of sorts, century in the same game. There were also a trio of

hat-tricks for Dean Headley, successive double centuries for Vince Wells and one on

monumental 312 against now they Derbyshire, and Cardigan Connor's nine for 38 for Hampshire against Glouces-tershire was the best bowling. Among those who have played their last county cricket are Dermot Reeve, who brought innovation, in-spiration and nuisance value to Warwickshire; Allan Lamb, who would have played but wanted his book published instead; the Kent taq Ahmed India were not belped by troubles in the camp but Tendulkar, their captain now, and the baby-faced Sourav Ganguly batted superbly and their new-ball pair of Srinath and Prasad pair of Mark Benson and Alan Igglesden; Glamorgan's worthy seamer Steve Barproved testing. The domestic season, like a £3.99 bottle of wine, was palatwick; and John Carr, who leaves Middlesex to become able but never vintage. Leicestershire won a tight race for the championship the ECB's cricket secretary after the incumbent Tim and Surrey took the Sunday league title. Lancashire en-hanced their reputation as Lamb takes up the post of chief executive in November. The outgoing chief executive Alan Smith - most famous knock-out kings by winning both Lord's finals, the second of them, the NatWest, by quote: "No comment, but don't quote me" — is retiring



cocaine early in the season and last month received a ban

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son. He is to appeal. So too are ian Botham and Lamb, after the failure of their libel action against Im-

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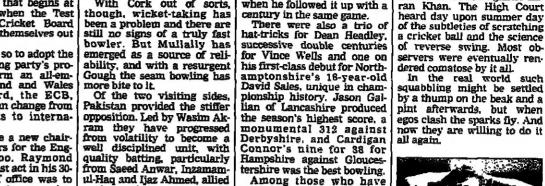
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WENGER SETS NEW ARSENAL BENCHMARK



First impressions ... Arsenal's new manager Arsène Wenger with his No. 2 Pat Rice, right, introduced himself to the players at training yesterday and then endeared himself to the fans with a jibe at the expense of their rivals Spurs, who lost to Leicester City on Sunday. "I tried to watch their match on television but I fell asleep."

Crisis point for Yorkshire's famous but dilapidated stadium. David Hopps reports on a sporting dilemma

Headingley on a knife edge

ground will reach crisis point this week with while the owner has made inthe culmination of confidential talks designed to take Leeds rugby league club to Elland Road, the home of creasingly desperate attempts to attract a buyer. Suggestions that Caspian is the only potential bidder, after the failure of Conrad, the sports and leisure group, to follow up its own discus-Leeds United. Caspian, the sports and media group which wrested control of Leeds United this summer, will learn on Thurssions with a firm offer, were day night whether its bid to described as "wide of the

HE future of Hea-dingley as a major multi-sports venue and Test cricket ground will reach boint this week with boint this week with boint the armet her medicing by Leeds rugby union club, as primatices of yorkshire county and Test cricket ground will reach been left largely in the dark finishing third-from-bottom in the Super League. The departure of rugby league from Headingley councils in Leeds and Wake-

No longer viable . . . the owner has made increasingly desperate attempts to attract a buyer

future as a Test venue; and, even if funds were available. planning permission has

ley's survival as a Test ground in anything but the proved notoriously difficult to short term. obtain in a residential area. Other problems, such as lim-ited parking, are virtually insoluble. if the pro-Headingley group wins the takeover battle, even

more women viewers. Leeds rugby union club are more restive. Less than a year ago their lease to play winter rugby at Headingley had been pronounced by Leeds CF&AC's You don't achieve that, the theory goes, by revealing more of the secrets of Formula director as a "momentous step

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Woman aids Walker's new lease of life



HE NEWS that Murray Walker has been saved for the nation duly ar-

year-old will lead ITV's new

grand prix team for the next

who is exactly half Walker's

Hill paid an affectionate

Walker as a guarantee of con-tinuity. His presence, they be

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£75 million for five years of

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the races will be punctuated

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their intention to broaden the

base of their audience. Trans-lated from the terminology of

modern media-speak, this

means the desire to attract

Estoril press conference. ITV's representatives spoke of

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two seasons, which means

he cannot secure a drive for next season, is expected to slip into the seat alongside Walker, replacing Jonathan Palmer as the resident expert. The favourite for the thankless task of asking a sweat-soaked driver exactly how he has just managed to throw away a certain 15th place is the knowledgeable James Allan, of the American cable and satellite company

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But the really significant personnel change, and the most obvious symbol of the desire to "feminise" the coverage, will be the addition of a

woman reporter. This is the tricky one. If, as last week's rumour had it. ITy opts for a former weather gid, it will invite suspicion. In fact the job is now said to have been offered to someone who knows the sport and does not fit the Penelope Pitstop

tribute to Walker last weekend at a party held in the Estoril paddock to mark the stereotype. All this disguises the truth BBC's enforced withdrawal that ITV's five-year contract represents merely a bridging period between the old world from coverage of Formula One, after the Japanese Grand and the new. If you wanted to Prix in three weeks' time. But no one present was in any doubt that those frenzied see the real future of Formula One in the paddock last weekend, you needed to snoop tones would be back next around a large, low, silvery-The new broadcasters need

grey marquee made of soft, shiny, rubbery fabric. Discreetly erected between lieve, will reassure the audi-ence built up by the BBC — which lost the contract not bethe lavatory block and the helicopter pad, sprouting sar-ellite dishes and air-conditioncause it was making a mess of ing ducts, it looked like a cross between a Bond villain's public-service enterprise, it could not match ITV's offer of secret HQ and the sort of thing Claes Oldenburg would come up with if somebody invited him to use the Mir space championship. The coverage will change, of course, and not only because station as the model for one of his giant soft sculptures. The doors were guarded

around the clock by a uniformed security guard; a reception area could be glimpsed through the smoked dass, with a vase of fresh flowers providing a counterpoint to the ascetic decor.

NSIDE, all the technology and expertise that \$40 million can buy was being brought to bear on the techniques with which the Formula One Constructors' Association will exploit the digital pay-per-view future A small number of subscribers in Germany can already receive an experimental service, enabling them to choose from which camera position - around the track or in-car - they want to see pictures. Murray Walker, who joined the BBC in 1949, still represents the present state of grand prix broadcasting otherwise ITV would not be in such desperate need of his services. But by the time its new deal expires, he really will be history.

uire the rugby league club mark" yesterday by rugby league sources. Caspian still has been successful; an outcome that would undoubtfaces resolute opposition from edly hasten the end of a runa third, as yet unidentified, group which regards both down stadium starved of rugby codes as vital in Heainvestment

dingley's regeneration. Leeds CF&AC's debts are in Leeds CF&AC's debts are in neither the rugby union nor the region of 55 million and cricket club would consider Athletic Company - has be-come convinced that the rising by £100,000 a month. ground is no longer commer-Leeds's rugby league atten-

Peace, love, flowers.

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would leave this time-worn | field about a possible move to ground, cramped by Vica green-field site, although torian red-brick terraces. any such transfer is at least valuable only as a site for development. Leeds CF&AC

five years away. Chris Hassell, Yorkshire's chief executive, said last night: "We have been awarded would probably wind up and a Test next summer against joint ownership feasible. the Australians and we will run it with or without Leeds Yorkshire cricket could

an offer to donate the cricket side of the operation to Yorkshire free of charge would not automatically be greeted with enthusiasm.

The Headingley Test has few attractions for Yorkshire. It repeatedly brings had publicity - Pakistani supporters on the Western Terrace were subjected this summer to racstraightforward

for the north's projecting the drivers as stadium". personalities.

ist anacks - and the profits. thought to be close to £1/2 mil-

lion last summer, go to Hea-dingley's owner. The combi-nation of unruly behaviour

and poor facilities has al-

ready threatened Heading-

The truth is that Leeds CF&AC's directors are des-If ITV can devise preview and highlights programmes that really illuminate the perate to sell but own less than one-third of the shares, week-by-week conflict between the drivers, it will enwith retired directors holding hance every viewer's enjoy-ment. If it does it badly, it will a further third. The rest are largely in private hands.

reduce the sport to the level of Agreement will not be Hello! magazine.

Walker is there to secure the lovalty of the old audience Potential new viewers will be

25 From Ulster Mr Harris brought back an old coin (6)

2 Stop talking in confinement

3 An English freeholder, open

1 The charge of the Beat

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about nothing (8) Offended solicitor turning up first (3,3)

5 Time flies - in small

superfluous (2,4)

8 A lady, being refined, coarsens him (11)

4 Gaunt miscast in Arde

15 Opera performer bringing up

7 Carried round, although

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Robert Armstrong on the squad recall of | chief executive, said: "We i England's most celebrated pair of centres

NGLAND's most suc-cessful captain Will tion that he would have ignored the boycott of previou Carling has been recalled after twice being training sessions did his overlooked by the selectors. Carling, who is 30, will join 44 selection chances no harm.

There are no worries about others for tomorrow's traintomorrow's session. The ing session at Bisham Abbey. English Professional Rugby His international midfield Union Clubs (Epruc) yester nartner Jeremy Guscott is day gave their contracted also added to the party but players the go-ahead to attend. The tone of the state

there is still no place for Dean Richards or Rory Underwood. ment also suggested a thaw Carling, who has 66 caps ing in relations between the and captained England 59 times, said: "I have heard clubs and Twickenham. Kim Deshayes, the Epruc

that some people believe that I am not interested in playing for England again. I find that insulting. In fact, I will be looking forward to this trainssion as expectantly as when I was uncapped. "If I did not want to play again at Twickenham, I

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would have retired from Test rugby instead of just stepping down as captain." In fact Carling returns to the England squad having added another string to his

bow — goal-kicking — and with a burning desire to move from centre to fly-half. He has kicked 45 points in four matches, helping Harlequins

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properly organised season which the clubs and the players are working together to

construct. outstanding differences."

still being discussed.

Even though Carling and Guscott are back in the squad, they are unlikely to resume their 43-match centre partnership in any of Eng-land's pre-Christmas internationals, which also include Argentina and the New Zea-land Barbarians. Rowell is ex-

endowed (6)

"We will always think of Lauren as our first child. In some ways, it is worse than losing a baby who has actually lived, because you don't have any happy memories." Health

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ognise the importance of in-ternational rugby but empha-sise that it must be part of a **Guardian Crossword No 20,766** Set by Orlando

"We are making every effort to enable some order to be put into the current season and we hope that this indication of our goodwill will en-courage the RFU to come up with a team which has the authority and will to resolve our

Carling's successor as England's captain - he resigned last March - will be named after the manager Jack Rowell has talked to potential candidates. England's first in-ternational is scheduled for November 23, when they play Italy. A fixture against Aus-tralia on November 2 or 16 is

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6 Powdered earth? (6) 9 Grecian head framed by artist - an attractive thing

> 10 Human lot cast on coast of Northumberland (8) 11 Goddess given hard time (4) 12 Unpoetical form of theft (10) 13 Give evidence animal has

head packed with intelligence (4,7) 18 Terribly frisky snooze (5,5)

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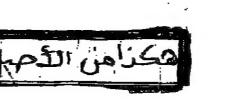
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Carling ... expectant to the head of League One.